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61 KILLED IN TALIBAN SUICIDE BOMB ATTACK IN PAK MOSQUE

The blast during afternoon prayers in the high-security zone in Peshawar left over 150 people, most of them policemen, injured

IT'S A REVENGE ATTACK, SAYS PAK TALIBAN

The blast occurred inside the mosque around 140 pm when the bomber, who was present in the front row, blew himself up. Sarbakaf Mohmand, a commander of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), or Pakistani Taliban, claimed responsibility for the attack on Twitter. He said the bombing was part of a revenge attack for his brother, who was killed last August in Afghanistan

OUTFIT KNOWN FOR TARGETING FORCES

TTP has carried out a number of suicide attacks in the past, targeting security personnel. In 2014, it stormed the Army Public School in Peshawar, killing 150 people, including 131 students. The outfit had threatened to carry out a series of attacks after ending its ceasefire with the Shehbaz Sharif govt last year | P12

400

ESTIMATED NO. OF POLICEMEN IN THE MOSQUE WHEN THE BLAST TOOK PLACE



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi (second-left) with CPI's D Raja (from left), National Conference's Omar Abdullah, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti and others, during a public rally at the end of his 145-day Bharat Jodo Yatra amid heavy snowfall, in Srinagar on Monday | P11

Aimed to save liberal, secular ethos: Rahul

Call to end J&K violence as yatra concludes

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday said the aim of his 4,000 km long Bharat Jodo Yatra was to save the liberal and secular ethos of India.

Addressing a rally here to mark the end of the yatra, he called for the end of violence in the Valley, saying phone calls announcing deaths of loved ones — whether of a soldier, a CRPF jawan or any Kashmiri, should stop. “No child, mother, son or any other family member should take this phone call. My aim is to stop this call,” he said.

Striking a bond with Kashmiris, he said they gave him hearts full of love and not hand grenades, adding no BJP leader can walk like he did, as they are scared.

“I have not done this yatra for Congress but for the country. Our aim is to stand against the ideology that wants to destroy foundation of this country. We should stand united with love and affection against them,” Rahul said. Amid heavy snowfall, Rahul

said while the BJP has shown a path of politics, the Congress wants to show the country a different route — of dignity, love and affection. “*Nafrat ke baazaar mein mohabbat ki dukan kholne ki koshish ki hai* (attempted to open a shop of love in a market of hatred).”

Rahul said he was warned that if he walked in Kashmir, he could be attacked. “However, I

walked for four days. I thought those who hate me, let me give them an opportunity to change the colour of my white T-shirt to red... Kashmiri people did not give me a hand grenade but gave me love and warmth,” he said.

The rally was meant to be a show of strength for the Opposition, but many leaders could not make it due to adverse weather and most locals chose to stay indoors.

Apart from the Congress leaders, Farooq and Omar Abdullah of National Conference, Mehbooba Mufti of PDP, D Raja of CPI, RSP's Premchandran, and leaders from DMK, JMM, BSP, VCK and IUML participated in the rally.

'End these phone calls'

Rahul said, “I can understand the pain of Kashmiris as I have seen the violence.” He recalled when he was informed about the killing of his grandma (Indira) and dad (Rajiv) over phone, adding he wanted to end such calls

POLL-BOUND K'TAKA EXPECTS BIG FROM UNION BUDGET TOMORROW

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

POLL-bound Karnataka has high expectations from the Union Budget which will be presented by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, her fifth, on Wednesday. The Union Budget is being presented just three weeks before the State Budget which will be presented by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on February 17. Expectations are high also because Sitharaman is a Rajya Sabha member from Karnataka.

Speaking to The New Indian Express, Prof Sandeep Shastri, po-

litical analyst said Karnataka can expect big as the state is going to polls. This is normal as the Union government treats or announces special allocations for poll-bound states. Karnataka will get a “special treatment” in the Union Budget, he said.

Prof Shastri said that the Union Budget is likely to focus on infrastructure development with more stress on Bengaluru and it will also have a pro-poor stamp to woo voters.

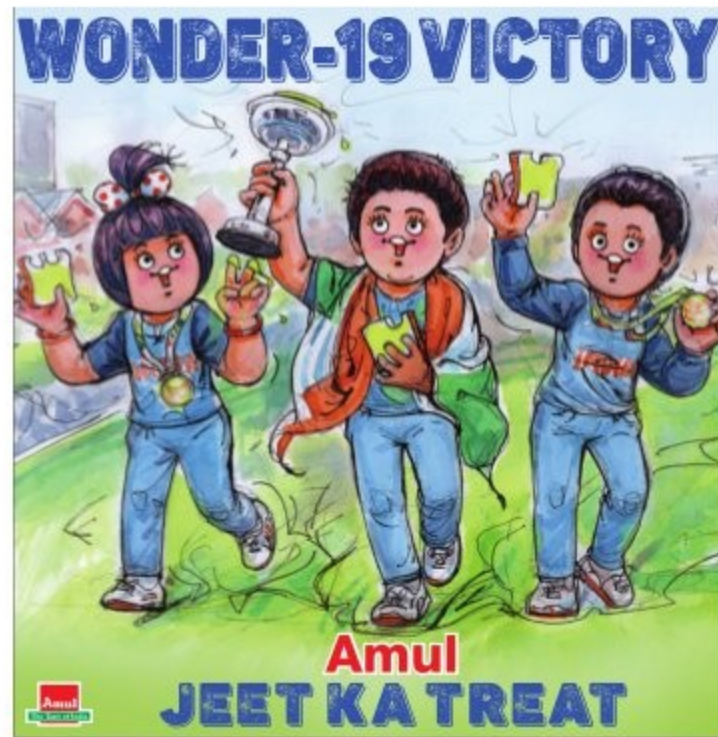
A senior leader from the BJP in

Karnataka said, there is pressure on the state as well as Central party leaders to do well in the polls.

“The Union Budget will definitely have big announcements for Karnataka. In previous years, there were good allocations for West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and other states that were going to polls then. If we do not make big offers to the state, it will give ammo to the opposition parties to target us,” he said.



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GUJ COURT CONVICTS ASARAM IN 2ND RAPE CASE

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

THE Gandhinagar sessions court on Monday convicted self-styled godman Asaram in a rape case filed by a Surat-based woman in 2013. The quantum of sentence is likely to be pronounced on Tuesday.

Sessions court judge D K Soni acquitted six other accused, including Asaram's wife Laxmiben, their daughter, and four disciples who were accused of aiding and abetting the crime, for want of evidence.

Asaram's lawyer said his client will challenge the order in the Gujarat High Court.

The complainant, one of Asaram's former devotees, accused the influential spiritual leader of raping her on several occasions between 1997 and 2006 when she was staying at his ashram at Motera.

Special public prosecutor R C Kodekar and public prosecutor Sunil Pandya told the media that they will try to get maximum punishment for the accused.

Notably, the complainant's younger sister had accused Asaram's son, Narayan Sai, of sexually exploiting her when she was staying in Asaram's Jahangirpura ashram in Surat between 2002 and 2005. Sai, too, was booked for rape and has been awarded life imprisonment by a Surat court.

The 81-year-old godman is currently serving a life sentence in a Jodhpur jail for raping a minor girl at his ashram in Rajasthan in 2013. His two accomplices were sentenced to 20 years in jail by the court in the same case for their roles.



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Its public subscription remained muted though Abu Dhabi's International Holding Company said it has confidence in the group that saw a \$70-bn rout in market value in just three days | P13

EXPRESS READ

K'taka eyes making Tulu second official language

BENGALURU: The Karnataka government is making an attempt to announce Tulu as the second official language of the state. With this move, the long-pending demand of the Tulu-speaking population is expected to come true. Meanwhile, a committee has been constituted to look into this plan. P4

Mamata accords Z+ security to Amartya Sen

BOLPUR (WB): Amid allegations of “unauthorised occupation” against Nobel laureate Amartya Sen by Visva-Bharati, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on Monday handed land documents to him, asserting that “no one can question him” in future. She also said that Sen would be accorded ‘Z+ category’ security. P10

WATER WEALTH

Ecological, economic value of water bodies in state is ₹7.32 lakh crore

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

A recent study by the researchers from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) - Bengaluru, shows that the worth of the entire wetland ecosystem in Karnataka is Rs 7.32 lakh crore (₹7,320.6 billion), which is gradually being lost to various development works.

The report titled ‘Accounting of Ecosystem Services of Wetlands in Karnataka state, India’ states that the ecological value of water bodies in Bengaluru, ranges from Rs 10,000 to Rs 55 lakh per hectare per day, depending on the water body and its utilisation.



The report stresses on the need for conservation of the ecosystems through sustainable management tenets. Researchers in the report said that it requires an understanding of the livelihood support of ecosystems.

Prof TV Ramachandra from Centre for Ecological Sciences, IISc, co-author of the report, told *TNIE* that values have been assessed based on the

services provided, the protection it has and its utilisation. He said that it is important for the government to understand the value of the ecosystem while accounting the budget. Its inclusion in the GDP is also important, as this is the only way to preserve the water bodies. The focus of the study was to understand the worth of wetlands through the accounting of provisioning, regulating and cultural services. The provisioning services accounted for the tangible benefits (including fish, fodder and water) considering the residual values indicated an annual revenue of Rs 49.70 billion. CONTINUED ON: P5



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Professor TV Ramachandra, IISc researcher

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'BBMP didn't check feasibility for Sankey plan'

Residents fear road-widening project will impact heritage buildings, trees, and precious ecology

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WITH BBMP refusing to revoke its proposed road-widening plan for Sankey Road, residents and activists have come up with a platform called 'Citizen For Sankey' to stall projects such as the Steel Bridge project in the past.

The residents fear that projects like road widening and flyovers may take years to complete on Sankey Road. The residents say that this project is coming at the cost of heritage buildings, trees, and also precious ecology. They fear that Vyalikaval may witness floods due to the project as the tank bund road had caved in earlier. In unison, residents, activ-



Sankey Road

ists, and experts are pitching for a better public transport system instead.

The 1.1-km road-widening project from Bashyam Circle to

Malleswaram 18th Cross and the 580-metre flyover over Sankey Road is said to have been prepared without any 'feasibility study' nor public consultation.

According to activist Preeti Sunderajan, the area does not need such a project.

"The area has some heritage buildings, and some trees which are aged over 100 years. Besides wasting taxpayers' money, the project will lead to traffic snarls at another location. Instead of investing in this project, the focus should be on providing better public transport," she said.

Mobility expert Ashish Verma from IISc says the key point in any development project like roads and flyovers in the city is that there should be feasibility and the BBMP has not made this available with regard to the Sankey Road widening and flyover project.

"Like the Steel Bridge flyover project, even this one lacks clarity, and any flyover or underpass is not a solution since after some time, there will be traffic. Even the Shivananda Circle Steel Bridge is facing problems and has not resolved traffic issues, as vehicles pile up at bottlenecks near the railway bridge," opined Verma.

Shaheen Shasha, co-founder of Bengaluru Bus Prayanikara Vedike, stated that the traffic issues of a city like Bengaluru can be addressed only with better public transport.

"Instead of investing in flyovers, the government should invest in more BMTC buses and ensure last-mile connectivity," she opined.

IRREGULARITIES

BMTC driver wants MD suspended

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A BMTC bus driver has sent a letter to the Governor, Principal Secretary of Transport and Commissioner of the Labour Department, asking that BMTC MD Satyavathi be suspended, alleging that she has not taken any action against irregularities in the corporation. He added that top officials are trying to suppress his voice against the irregularities with a show cause notice.

The driver, M K Thyagaraju, in his letter dated January 20 said, "BMTC is already reeling under financial crisis. The main reason for this is that top officials are violating the rules of the organisation for their selfish motives. Even after lodging complaints against erring officials and providing valid documents obtained by filing RTIs, BMTC MD Satyavathi has not taken any action. She is protecting the guilty and I am being intimidated."

"A vehicle that was meant for training unemployed youth at the Vaddarahalli training

institute has been used for personal reasons. Only a gold or silver medalist should be appointed as a driving instructor. But they have appointed a driver who has not even completed one year of driving as an instructor in violation of the law. A junior assistant cannot be posted in one department for more than three years," Thyagaraju said.

He even expressed concern that Sathyavathi might tamper with documents to cover up the irregularities and urged the Governor that she be suspended immediately and sought action against the guilty. When *TNIE* contacted Sathyavathi, she said the driver is a habitual complainant. "An employee has to follow certain protocols, but he has flouted all the rules. We have a system to resolve complaints, but he has written to the Governor deliberately to get media attention. I have not received any letters from him. Disciplinary action will be taken against him for his conduct," she said.

EXPRESS READ

BEL to display products, systems at Aero India

BENGALURU: State-owned defence enterprise Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) on Monday announced that it will showcase its latest products and systems at the upcoming Aero-India 2023. The highlight of BEL's outdoor display will be GIMBAL for Tethered UAV, Shallow Water ROV, Hexacopter and Ultra-Light Weight Enclosure with platform. BEL officials said the PSU will also showcase its research and development (R&D) capabilities by demonstrating some of its new products and technologies. Its display area will include robotic surveillance and D4 anti-drone systems. It will showcase its radar systems comprising combined interrogator and transponder system, Battle Field Short Range Active Electronically Scanned Array (BFSR-AESA) Radar, frequency-modulated continuous-wave based Drone Detection Radar, Air Defence Fire Control Radar, Close-in Weapon System, Mountain Fire Control Radar, Weapon Locating Radar, BFSR-XR, X-Band Multi-Function Radar, Battery Surveillance Radar, AESA Radar, models of 3D Low Level Light Weight Surveillance Radar and 4D Phased Array Medium Power Radar.

Free special classes for Grade 12 students

BENGALURU: Dayananda Sagar University is all set to organise an 8-day free workshop for Grade 12 students appearing for board exams from February 2 to 9, 2023. Experts with over 30 years of experience in innovative teaching and coaching will be training the students. The sessions will focus on high scoring topics in science subjects. Each subject will be covered in two days and the duration of each session will be of four hours and one subject will be covered in eight hours. Students can log in for the classes from their homes by registering at <https://dsuedu.in/CBSE-STUDENT>. Schools can arrange auditoriums, projectors and Internet connection for in-house classes for their students. They can register at <https://dsuedu.in/CBSE-COLLEGE>

Moroccan Honorary Consulate opens doors in Bengaluru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE Honorary Consulate of the Kingdom of Morocco was inaugurated in Bengaluru on Monday, with Moroccan Ambassador to India Mohammed Maliki stating that there was a need for a consulate in the city. Pratap Madhukar Kamath, Managing Director of Abaran Timeless Jewellery, was declared the Honorary Consul of Morocco in Bengaluru by Ambassador Maliki on Monday.

Speaking to reporters, Kamath said that the role of the consulate would be to maintain bilateral relations between Morocco and India and ensure that more investments happen on both sides, especially in the tourism sector.

Maliki said that with India-Morocco relations flourishing, more consulates have been established in the past, including in Mumbai and Kolkata. "There is a need for more outreach as a country and India is more



Moroccan Ambassador to India Mohammed Maliki greets Honorary Consul of Morocco in Bengaluru Pratap Madhukar Kamath on Tuesday | EXPRESS

akin to a continent due to its immense size. There are many opportunities that are present to us elsewhere than where our consulates are present. It was a natural choice to expand our presence to represent our business interests in this part of the world, because you simply cannot skip Bengaluru," he said.

He said that Bengaluru had

been of great interest, especially due to its focus on several industries, including in startups, energy, defence and the IT sector. "The Honorary Consul will help in safeguarding the interests of both Moroccans and Indians. They will also help in organising cultural visits, economic visits, business and parliamentary delegations," he said.

Bengaluru to host first G-20 Energy Transition Working Group Meeting

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AFTER India assumed presidency of the G-20 summit in December last year, Bengaluru will host the first G-20 Energy Transition Working Group Meeting from February 5-7. As part of the summit, delegates will be taken to Pavagada Solar Power Park and to Infosys Green Building to showcase India's prowess in the energy sector.



Alok Kumar, Secretary, Union Ministry of Power, said on Monday that over 200 delegates from 29 countries will attend the meeting and will visit the solar park. The ministry is leading the energy transition group and in the Bengaluru summit, six priorities will be addressed.

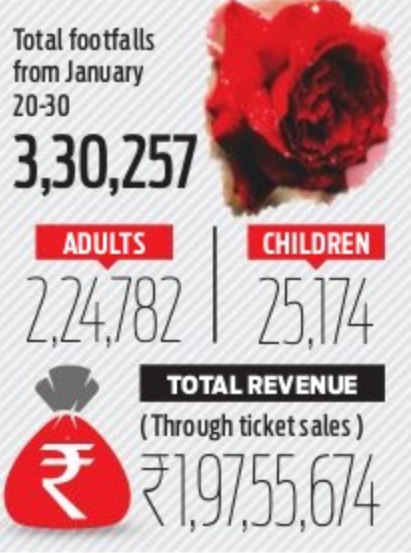
"To address technology gaps which are critical for energy conservation, the focus will be on mobilising low-cost financing for commercialisation to the full-

scale rollout of technology. At the summit, green hydrogen and bio-fuel aspects will also be discussed," said Kumar.

With the state government announcing freebies, especially concerning free electricity supply, the secretary viewed this as a domestic issue. He, however, said that it does not reflect on energy transition. "We should use our energy in a manner that will promote efficiency and if you give it free of cost, the economic incentive for energy is taken away so we have to use energy sustainably," he said.

WHEN FLOWERS BLOOMED

The Republic Day flower show at Lalbagh concluded on Monday



Water shortage hits Indira Canteens

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MANY Indira Canteens in Bengaluru are facing issues of water supply as the BWSSB has cut their water connection, owing to non-payment of water bills for the past many months.

According to BBMP reports, drinking water is not available in Indira canteens at various locations including Vasantha Nagar, Jayanagar, Bannappa Park, and Shivajinagar.

As per BWSSB authorities, the dues have escalated and despite warnings, the water bills have doubled at some canteens and yet the amount has not



been settled. Hence, the water supply has been disconnected.

Since people visit the canteens regularly, staffers are making arrangements for

drinking water from nearby homes. It is said that a contractor has also told the Indira Canteen staff that it is for the BBMP to settle water bills for the supply of food and maintenance, and once he gets the amount, the pending BWSSB dues will be settled.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath said there is already an agreement between the contractors of Indira Canteens and the BBMP. If any facilities are stopped, the contractor is responsible for it. He further stated that officials will be asked to hold discussions with contractors and address the issue.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

31st January: Today is special to Mars. Why? Well, all we know is that's what the ancient astrologers said. What's more, the first hour after dawn is also Martian, and hence it's a very good time for launching all new enterprises which require a great deal of energy and vigour. There's one condition: you have to be an early riser!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

Mars has now commenced a new cycle which is going to lift your morale and give you a massive shot in the arm-but only if you turn your attention to unfinished business and left-over tasks. The burning question is: how can you possibly make the most of all your many talents and abundant energy?

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

From now on you will have to move very carefully, flitting about behind the scenes, doing your best without being spotted! The coming phase in your life is one for discretion, so plan accordingly. Also, if a friend or partner lets you down, don't be too hard on them: they might have no choice.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

This should be a somewhat sensitive day. But, on the other hand, your confidence should be growing. The golden rule is never to take offence, and always realise that little slights may be unintended. Partners really are in need of your care and understanding, so you'll have to be patient.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You are undoubtedly well aware of certain emotional undercurrents, and it's thanks to your intuitive skills that you're more in tune than many other people with the choices that should now be faced. That doesn't mean that you'll come up with the right answers, though, so tread carefully.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

Don't expect any let-up in the pressure in the long-term, even if today's stars are more relaxed than usual. You should realise that any friction can be turned to good use, giving you the excuse to make long-overdue improvements, especially at work.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

This is one occasion when partners may be better equipped to take control. At work employers should be listened to and obeyed, although they in their turn should recognise your role as a conciliator. It's all a matter of mutual respect - and of striking the right balance.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

The best relationships at the moment are those based on joint interests, and the happiest social life that is built on good conversation. Consider the legal situation, and make sure that, above all else, you know your rights. And don't give anyone the wrong idea about your intentions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 23)

The cycle you're now entering is one which warns you about the danger of burning yourself out, but offers you the chance to get your physical well-being together, cleaning up your diet, improving your exercise and tackling nagging chronic complaints.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

Partners and business associates will eventually reveal facts which you think they ought to know. However, when it comes to dealing with people in authority, extracting the truth may be like getting blood out of a stone. That doesn't mean that you shouldn't continue to try!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

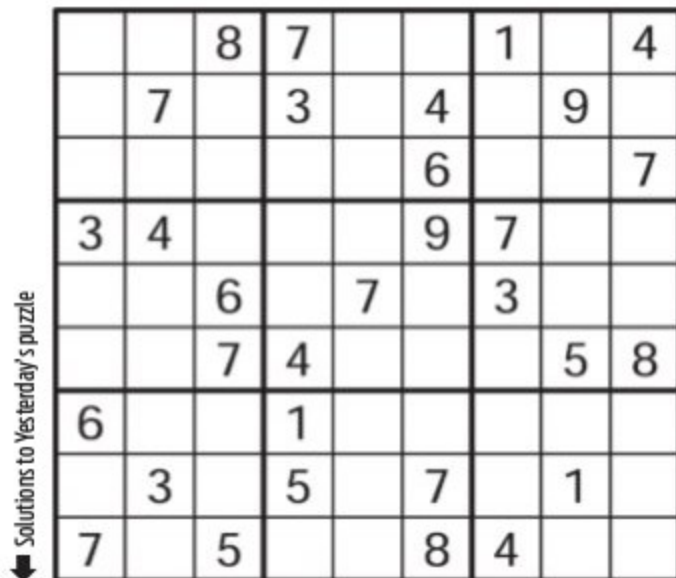
Areas of your life which are now being spotlighted indicate exactly where you should streamline your affairs and how you should reorganise your relationships. Consider any and all changes at home, no matter how radical. You never know - they might receive a warm welcome.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Circumstances beyond your control may now force you to abandon certain schemes, or at least reach a major compromise. Family plans are still in a state of some uncertainty, while domestic entertaining looks favourable. Take advantage of any opportunities for pleasure!

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

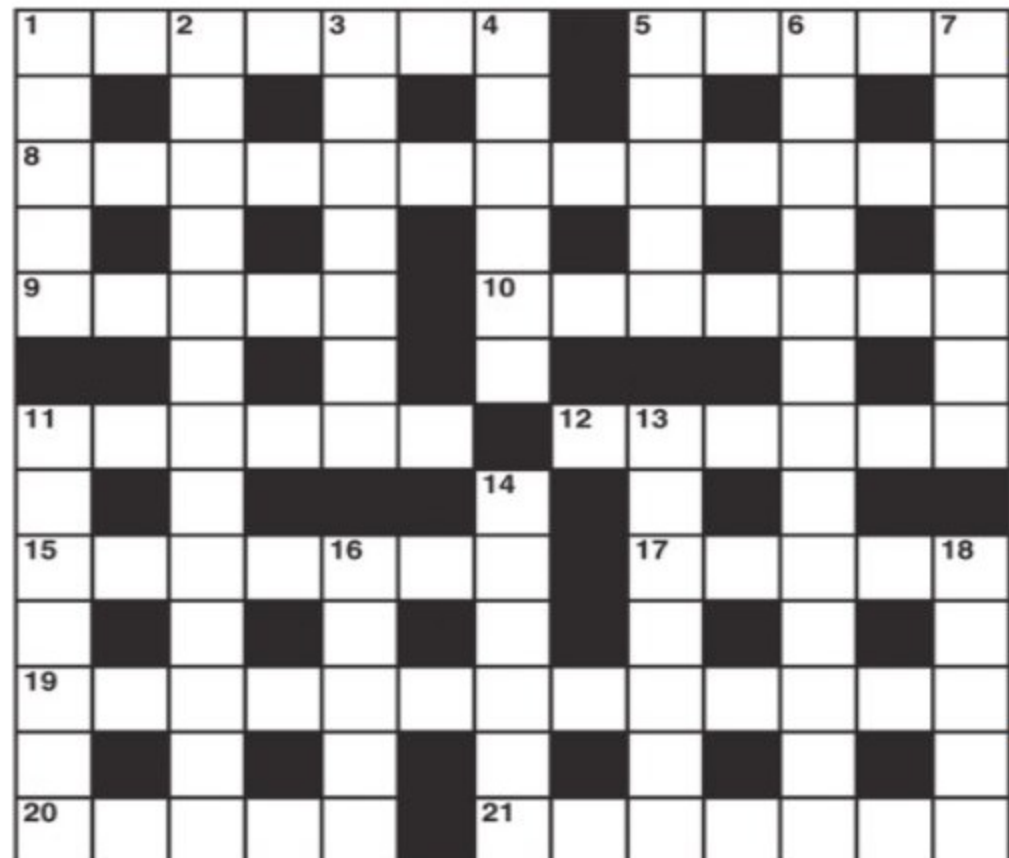
Other people may not intend to mislead or deceive you, and what you mistake for opposition, could in fact be support. If someone seems to be standing in the way, it may be that they are very much more aware of your needs than you are. They may even deserve your thanks!



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CROSS WORD

ACROSS

- Distribution of gifts on big line (7)
- He doesn't win in a close-run race (5)
- It takes a turn for the better (8,5)
- Suppose it's nothing long (5)
- Book a player unlikely to play (7)
- Things seen on guns (6)
- Period of redemption, states article by church (6)
- Succeed with a will in their resolve (7)
- Game that may be decided in the end (5)
- Though yellow at heart it won't run (4-6,3)
- 2011's South Africa in the sun for her (5)
- Make a home that sinks gradually (7)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Habit, 8 Shepherd, 9 Thief, 10 Nominate, 11 Flute, 12 Dye, 13 Nail, 14 Kiosk, 15 EL, 23 Dealt, 24 Toasters, 25 Quail, 26 Cawled, 27 Depth.

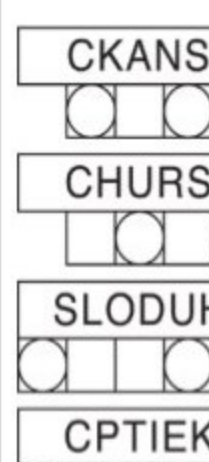
DOWN

- Old ship under last bit of sail makes slow movement (5)
- The bird song that wakes you at dawn? (7,6)
- High point for the first lady and others (7)
- It joins in operations (6)
- Statute has two points that need cutting (5)
- It helps to drive one round the bend (8,5)
- Free of duty (7)
- Insults having little point? (7)
- A national study of English for example (7)
- Takes off from runways (6)
- Flier appears to steal in (5)
- Make one's name as a writer (5)

Down: 2 Achilles, 3 Identity, 4 Chrome, 5 Sarg, 6 Medal, 7 Edges, 12 Dye, 13 Nail, 14 Kiosk, 15 EL, 23 Dealt, 24 Toasters, 25 Quail, 26 Cawled, 27 Depth.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



Print your answer here: _____

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. (Answers Monday) Yesterday's Jumbles: BOUND ALBUM SHABBY DEPICT Answer: The male model who was earning more and more money was being -- PAID HANDSOMELY

Cat goes missing at KIA enroute to US, family keeps hopes alive

'Was told to take 'Orange' out of cage during security check and the cat jumped away'

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

A couple from Bengaluru, who relocated to Los Angeles on January 1, are deeply upset after their pet cat went missing during security check at KIA a month ago. With no clue yet on its whereabouts, they have been desperately reaching out to airport authorities, hoping to hear some news about their tomcat Orange, who is just over a year old.

Parag Soman, a techie with a multinational firm, told *TNIE* from Los Angeles that his family was travelling with **Orange**, a white cat with orange patches, and his younger sibling, **Cutie**. "We were booked on an Air France flight for Paris, and were to leave to Los Angeles from there. Our flight was to depart from Bengaluru in the early hours of December 31, and the pets were to travel as cabin baggage. We had paid around

\$125 for each pet to carry them in their individual carriers," Soman said. "During security check, a Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel asked us to take Orange out of the carrier, which needed to be sent through the baggage scanner. I explained to them that

our pet was a bit aggressive and could create problems if taken out. He refused to listen. As soon as Orange was taken out, he scratched me and jumped away. I was allowed to leave the spot to look for Orange through the airport. We were told he was hiding in an AC vent, but

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though I called out repeatedly, he didn't respond," he said.

Following the drama, security personnel permitted his wife Ranjani Krishna to carry Cutie in its carriage with her, when she went through the scanner.

There was some delay by the time the family reached their flight. "Air France was kind enough to be a bit lenient and waited for us," Soman added.

The airport authorities had given the family a contact person to connect with for the pet.

"We kept reaching out to him. A few days after the incident, he told us the search for Orange had been called off. We have been sending mails to the airport authorities but haven't got a satisfactory response," the techie added. "My wife was very fond of Orange and is very upset. Please help us."

A top CISF official said he would inquire into the incident and get back shortly. A source at BIAL said, "You need to check with the airline as pets are their responsibility."

Man, paramour held for killing his second wife

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A 45-year-old man and his paramour have been arrested on charges of killing the second wife of the former.

The accused have been identified as N Gangaiah of Kodigehalli in Tumakuru district, and C Shanthamma (55) of Nelamangala. They are accused of killing Saroja Bai (40) at their rented house in Athingere Gate, Magadi taluk, on December 6 last year. The victim used to question the husband for bringing his paramour to their home and asking her to stay with them in the house. So, they killed Saroja Bai and fled after wrapping the body in a bed sheet.

The murder came to light when the house owner checked and found the victim's body. He then reported the matter to the Magadi police. Police arrested Shanthamma on January 27 and Gangaiah on January 29. Gangaiah is also the second husband of Saroja Bai. Shanthamma was married, but had deserted her husband.



SUMMER DELIGHT

A watermelon vendor near Jayamahal makes the most of the rising temperature selling the juicy fruit to a customer. The city recorded 27.7 degrees Celsius on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

BBMP to seek more funds for meds at Namma Clinics

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WITH Namma Clinics in BBMP limits to start from February 7, the corporation's health section has sought an increase in the BBMP budget, to ensure there is no shortage of medicines.

Referring to recent incidents of shortage of medicines reported at Primary Health Centres, where doctors asked pa-

tients and their relatives to procure them from Jan Aushadhi Kendras, the BBMP is taking all measures to stock up.

Confirming the same, Dr K V Thirlok Chandra, BBMP, Special Commissioner, Health, said: "There were few incidents of PHCs not getting a few general medicines. Lateral arrangements were made and patients were asked

to get a few medicines from Jan Aushadhi Kendras."

Thirlok Chandra said the Palike's health department has asked for an increase in fund allocation in the upcoming BBMP budget, to ensure there is no medicine shortage in any of the PHCs. With fear of a shortage, Palike health officials have stated that all measures are being taken.

Boeing's 2nd largest campus to open in city

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BY the end of this year, Boeing India will open its second largest campus at Aerospace Park in Devanahalli. This facility will be its largest outside its headquarters in Virginia.

The company on Monday said it has invested over \$200 million to build the campus on 43-acres of land on the outskirts of the city.

The new facility will house various labs, testing infrastructure and part of R&D operations. Aarti Singh, Senior Director, IT and DA, and CIO, Boeing India, said most engineers employed by the plane-maker will continue to work from Boeing India Engineering & Technology Centre at Bagmane Tech Park in the city.

Boeing's India operations include field service offices in Mumbai, Hindan, Rajaji and New Delhi. Boeing India has over 4,500 employees.

On jolly ride, bike skids, helmetless rider dies

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A late night jolly ride proved fatal for a 28-year-old AC technician working in a private hospital. The victim and his two friends were on their way to see Vidhana Soudha in the early hours of Monday.

The incident happened near the Seven Ministers' Quarters on Sankey Road. The victim was going on a bike with his friend. Both the rider and pillion were thrown off the bike

as the vehicle skidded.

The deceased was identified as Harish Acharya, a resident of Subedarpalya in Yeshwanthpur. The pillion rider was Parashuram, who sustained injuries and is undergoing treatment in hospital.

Acharya, Parashuram and another friend, Govindaraju, stay together in a room in Yeshwanthpur. All three work in different places. They decided to go on a jolly ride and to Vidhana Soudha at night.

Govindaraju was on another bike. "After the two friends fell off the bike, Govindaraju, who works as a staff nurse in a hospital, shifted them to Bowring Hospital in an ambulance. Acharya, who had sustained serious head injuries, was declared brought dead," said an officer who is part of the investigations.

Both the rider and pillion were reportedly not wearing helmets. High Grounds traffic police have registered a case.

CRIME PATROL

Autorickshaw driver arrested for escaping with passenger's money

BENGALURU: An autorickshaw driver who had escaped with the cash and other valuables of a passenger has been arrested by the Malleswaram police. The victim had come in the auto to meet a doctor. He had asked the driver to wait. Soon after the complainant went inside the clinic, the driver checked the passengers bag and found around Rs 1.5 lakh in cash in it. The police, checking the CCTV footage, of the area arrested the driver. The accused has been identified as Rangaswamy. The police have recovered the cash and the auto. The complainant had hired the auto from Gandhi Bazaar to a Homeopathy clinic on Margosa Road at 4pm on January 24. "The complainant came out of the clinic at 4.50 pm and saw the auto driver had gone. The accused has said that he was unable to repay the loan with less earnings and wanted to use the passenger's money for clearing the loan," said the police. **ENS**



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DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY

Recruitment of

ENGINEERING GRADUATES AND SCIENCE POSTGRADUATES AS SCIENTIFIC OFFICERS

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Dr. Homi Jehangir Bhabha
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The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) was established through a Presidential Order on August 3, 1954, to be administered directly by the Prime Minister. The vision of DAE is to empower India by the use of technology for creation of wealth leading to a better quality of life for her citizens. DAE is engaged in the design, construction and operation of Nuclear Power/Research Reactors and the associated Nuclear Fuel Cycle Technologies covering exploration, mining and processing of nuclear ores, production of heavy water, nuclear fuel fabrication, fuel reprocessing and nuclear waste management. It is also engaged in basic cutting-edge research in frontier areas of Engineering and Science. The spin-off technologies, human resource being developed and technical services being rendered by **DAE have been of great help to Indian industry.** Since 1956, **DAE has been recruiting Scientific Officers annually through the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) Training Schools** to drive its various nation building programmes. This advertisement is to invite applications for the recruitment of Trainee Scientific Officers (TSOs) for the 2023-24 academic session of the BARC Training Schools. After successful completion of the Training Programme, **the TSOs will be absorbed as Scientific Officers in a Group-A Post of the Government of India.**

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DAE Graduate Fellowship Scheme (DGFS)-2023 (Scheme-II): Under this scheme, Engineering Graduates who have excelled in the Selection Interviews for the BARC Training Schools' programme and have independently secured M.Tech. admission in 2023 at DGFS Institutes selected specializations⁸, will be offered a two-year DAE Graduate Fellowship. DGFS Fellows will be reimbursed their tuition fee during M.Tech. and additionally, be paid a stipend of ₹ 55,000/- p.m. and a Contingency grant of ₹40,000/- per annum for two years towards M.Tech. project related expenses. On successful completion of M.Tech., the DGFS Fellows would join BARC and IGCAR as Scientific Officers, with additional increments (subject to conditions).⁹ IIT Bombay & IIT Madras are under consideration

The selection procedure, which is common for both schemes, has two stages. An initial screening will be done either by a valid GATE-2022 / GATE-2023 score in the applicable GATE discipline or by performance in an Online Test to be conducted in 1st April to 2nd April, 2023. As cut-off GATE scores for screening into Selection Interviews will be decided only after the Online Test has concluded, candidates are advised to maximize their chances of being screened into the Selection Interview stage by *availing both the screening avenues detailed above*. In the second stage, the screened in candidates will be called for Selection Interviews to be held in Mumbai and Hyderabad during May-June, 2023. Final Selection is solely on the basis of performance in Selection Interview, subject to medical fitness.⁸ Only for Geology.

WHAT ARE THE QUALIFYING DEGREES? HOW DO I APPLY?

A minimum of 60% aggregate (or minimum of 6.0 CGPA on the scale of 10.0 or equivalent) as per the ordinances of the respective university, in the qualifying degree is an essential eligibility requirement. Science postgraduates are further required to have secured a minimum of 60% aggregate in B.Sc., to make them eligible. The eligible disciplines and degrees are as follows:

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- For Science Disciplines:**
 - (a) M.Sc. in Physics, Applied Physics, Chemistry, Biosciences*.
 - (b) M.Sc. / equivalent M.Tech. in Geology, Applied Geology, Applied Geochemistry, 5-Year Integrated M.Tech. in Geological Technology,
 - (c) B.E. / B.Tech. in Engineering Physics.

* Applicants in these disciplines may refer the Information Brochure on the Online Application Portal for list of eligible degrees and disciplines.

To apply online, applicants should visit the website <https://www.barcocesexam.in> and follow the instructions mentioned therein.

Website will also provide additional detailed information, including eligibility conditions, for the present recruitment.
DAE strives to have a workforce that reflects gender balance and women candidates are encouraged to apply.

Other Opportunities: Candidates applying for OCES/DGFS-2023 may be considered for direct recruitment in Electronics Corporation of India Limited (ECIL) and Institute of Plasma Research (IPR). Such candidates will be governed by stipendiary norms of ECIL and IPR and terms and service conditions of ECIL and IPR on absorption.

ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS BEGINS: February 1, 2023**

EXERCISING AUTHORITY: In all matters concerning the OCES/DGFS-2023 recruitment, the decision taken by the Competent Authority in BARC, Mumbai shall be final and binding on the Applicants and they shall abide by the decision in totality. The Applicants while representing the matter shall not directly approach the Courts and will wait till the outcome of the decision by the Competent Authority in BARC. In case of any claims or disputes arising with respect to the OCES/DGFS-2023 recruitment, the venue of such proceedings, suit, action, or proceedings arising out of or related thereto will be governed / maintained in accordance with the laws of Republic of India subject to exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Mumbai, India.

**** All dates are tentative and applicants are advised to regularly visit the website <https://www.barcocesexam.in> for updates**

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LAST DATE FOR REGISTERING ONLINE APPLICATION:
March 2, 2023**

LAST DATE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATION: March 3, 2023**



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PM TO INAUGURATE CHOPPER UNIT NEAR TUMAKURU

Modi will also kick off India Energy Week in Bengaluru during his visit to poll-bound Karnataka on February 6

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will visit Karnataka on February 6 to participate in programmes in Bengaluru and Tumakuru, including the India Energy Week.

Modi will dedicate to the nation a new helicopter manufacturing facility of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) at Bidirehalla Kaval in Gubbi taluk of Tumakuru district, about 120 km from Bengaluru.

The PM will inaugurate India Energy Week at Bengaluru International Exhibition Centre in Bengaluru at 11.30am.

He will later fly to Bidarehalla Kaval where he will inaugurate HAL's indigenous helicopter factory at 3.30 pm and address a public gathering. On the occasion, Modi will also lay the foundation stone for several projects under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Modi had laid the foundation for the chopper facility in 2016. The new greenfield manufac-

MODI IN B'LURU ON FEB 13

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Aero India-2023 in Bengaluru on February 13. He is also likely to inaugurate the Shivamogga airport, sources added.

turing facility is ready to begin Phase I operations, with the completion of manufacturing, structural assembly, final assembly-line facilities, helipad, flight hangar, ATC, equipping

hangar, administration building, according to official sources.

Spread across 615 acres, the facility will manufacture Light Utility Helicopters (LUH) as well as Indian Multirole Helicopter (IMRH) and may be used for MRO (Maintenance Repair & Overhaul) of LCH, LUH, Civil ALH, and IMRH in the future. Initially, the factory will produce 30-40 helicopters each year and it can be enhanced to 60-70 helicopters in a phased manner.

This factory is estimated to provide employment to 5,000 persons directly or indirectly and support development of the aerospace industry ecosystem in the region.

This will be Modi's third visit to Karnataka, which goes to polls in April/May, since the beginning of 2023. He had come to Hubballi-Dharwad to inaugurate the National Youth Festival on January 12. Modi also visited Kalaburagi and Yadgir districts on January 19.



Bengaluru Rural MP DK Suresh (left) in a playful mood with his brother and KPCC chief DK Shivakumar on the last day of Bharat Jodo Yatra in Srinagar on Monday

Yatris cross finish line, play with snow to celebrate

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

AS Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra concluded on Monday, celebrations broke out among the yatris in snow-clad Kashmir. Among them were six yatris from Karnataka, who had marched right up to Kashmir.

Youth Congress national president BV Srinivas spoke to *TNIE* about his memories of the Yatra. "I remember a young girl, Triveni, came up and asked Rahul Gandhi about the book 'Rich Dad, Poor Dad' and said she wanted to read it... Rahul had it delivered to her." Asked about any uncomfortable experiences, he said, "We suddenly realised it was 2 degrees Celsius, and it was quite uneasy and scary for someone from Bengaluru. But we continued to walk."

"One man was injured in the crowd management and pushing in Maharashtra, and I had rushed him to hospital for first-aid. He came back and joined the yatra..." "Many students and youngsters came up and complained about their issues, they said they had no laptops, so they couldn't attend school. Rahul did whatever he could to help everyone

out," Srinivas said. "I remember one small child rushed up to Rahul to say that her dad was in hospital and they needed help. Rahul issued instructions to help."

Most of the walkers said they changed three pairs of shoes because the soles had worn out, walking about 30km a day. Srinivas said their happiest moment was when they walked up to the balloon sign as they concluded the march, because not everyone was sure they would finish the arduous 3750-km march.

There were also sad moments, like when MP Chaudhary Santokh Singh collapsed and died, and when some workers suffered burns due to an electricity issue. The Karnataka Yatris slept in containers and were up by 4am for their ablutions, and started walking at 6am. For the first time after many months, they will be able to sleep without having to jump up at 4am. No one complained, and said it was invigorating," they said.

MLC BK Hariprasad, who is in Srinagar, said of the yatris, "They have walked at a great personal sacrifice, they are the real heroes, I salute their indomitable spirit."

Budget will boost farming sector: BC Patil

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AGRICULTURE Minister BC Patil said as this year has been declared 'International Year of Millet' and Karnataka being a pioneer in the millet sector, one can hope for big allocations to the farming sector.

However, some feel that the Union Budget will not have anything new for the state, but instead the fund allocation for the ongoing big projects in Karnataka will be increased.

According to BT Manohar, member of State Tax Committee, FKCCI, the Budget is crucial as CM Bommai will be presenting the last budget of this term which will be vote-on-account. Karnataka stands second in the country in terms of highest collection of GST. "State government will expect big financial support from the Union government for various ongoing projects like Metro, Suburban rail or mega irrigation projects in different districts and towns. Funds are also expected to be released for development of Tier-II and Tier-III cities in Karnataka," he said.

₹6k/vote remark: Cong approaches EC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Congress on Monday urged the Election Commission of India (ECI) to take action against BJP state and central leaders for alleged conspiracy to distribute money to voters during the elections.

The party submitted a complaint to the ECI through Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Karnataka.

Congress leaders alleged that former minister and Gokak

MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi had on January 22 stated that the BJP would pay Rs 6,000 to each voter and it is part of a larger conspiracy to distribute Rs 30,000 crore to voters in the state. The party had earlier filed a complaint with the police seeking action against Jarkiholi, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel and BJP national president JP Nadda.

The Congress urged the ECI to conduct an inquiry into it and take steps to ensure that

the integrity of ensuing elections is maintained.

Meanwhile, Congress MLA from the Shivajinagar Assembly segment in Bengaluru Rizwan Arshad alleged that Electoral Registration Officer, Shivajinagar Assembly constituency, has initiated a suo-moto process to delete 9,195 votes in the segment. In a letter to the CEO, the MLA alleged that out of 9,195 votes selected for deletion, 8,000 are Minority community voters. He urged the CEO to stop the process.

Pancharatna Yatra.

Kateel expressed confidence of the BJP winning more than 150 seats. On Kaveesh Gowda joining the BJP, Kateel mocked that the change is not only restricted to Vasu's house as CLP leader Sidramanna's son and family members of KPCC president DK Shivakumar are also likely to join BJP in the future.

Scores of Congress workers from Mysuru, Chintamani, Chikkaballapura, Devanahalli and Bagepalli Assembly constituencies joined the BJP.

Former Cong MLA Vasu's son joins BJP

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FORMER CHAMARAJAMLA Vasu's son Kaveesh Gowda from Mysuru and former minister Krishna Reddy's daughter Vani from Chintamani joined the BJP in the presence of party state president Nalin Kumar Kateel and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion, Kateel mocked at the Congress for its Praja Dhvani Yatra and the JDS for its

POLITICAL THEATRE

CPI DECIDES TO FIELD CANDIDATES IN 20 CONSTITUENCIES IN KARNATAKA

KALABURAGI: Communist Party of India (CPI) in its state committee meeting which was held recently has finalized the names of Moula Mulla and Maheshkumar Rathod to contest the upcoming Assembly elections from Aland and Jewargi constituencies, respectively. CPI state secretary Sundaresh said here on Monday. He said the meeting has decided to field candidates in 20 constituencies in Karnataka. Sundaresh said that the CPI has requested like-minded parties to extend support to the party and in turn, the CPI will campaign for those parties.

"According to a survey by the government, there are 35 lakh homeless families in the state. But the actual number is over 50 lakh. The governments which have ruled the state so far have not reserved the required land and allotted houses to the homeless," he charged. To bring pressure on the government to distribute houses to the homeless, the houseless families in the state will launch a Bengaluru Chalo agitation led by CPI on March 9, he said. **ENS**

Campaign for Siddu: Mixed response to Yathindra's visit in Kolar

V VELAYUDHAM @ Kolar

THE first visit of Varuna MLA Dr Yathindra, son of senior Congress leader Siddaramaiah, to Kolar constituency to campaign for his father received a mixed response from Congress workers.

While veteran Congress leader and local strongman K.H. Muniyappa and his followers were a no-show, supporters of another Congress leader

Ramesh Kumar attended an event in which Dr Yathindra took part. The event was organised by MLCs Anil Kumar, Nazeer Ahmed and other leaders. In fact, supporters of Kumar gave a rousing welcome to Yathindra.

After offering prayers at the famous Kolaramma Temple, Dr Yathindra visited the house in Basavanatha village where Siddaramaiah had stayed during his visit to Kolar.

Yathindra addressed gatherings in Basavanatha, Kodirama Sandra and Kallipura, besides taking part in an event organised for people from minority communities.

Speaking to the media, Yathindra said, though his father has declared that he will contest from Kolar seat in the upcoming Assembly polls, the

final decision will be taken by the party high command.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a follower of Muniyappa said there was poor response to Yathindra's programmes in Kolar and that no in-

structions were given by senior leaders to party workers to attend the programmes. It may be mentioned here that differences between the factions of two local Congress heavyweights Ramesh Kumar and Muniyappa are an open secret which could dent the prospects of Siddaramaiah if he contests from Kolar.



TRIBUTE TO THE MAHATMA

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai after paying tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at Vidhana Soudha on Martyrs' Day in Bengaluru on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Karnataka bids for Tulu as 2nd official language

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@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government is making an attempt to announce Tulu as the second official language of the state. With this, the long-pending demand of the Tulu speaking population is expected to come true. A committee has been constituted to look into it.

Tulu is spoken along coastal Karnataka, in Dakshina Kannada and Udipi districts, and these places are geographically called Tulunadu by locals. Kannada and Culture Minister Sunil Kumar tweeted that in order to announce Tulu as the second official language of Karnataka, the Department of Kannada and Culture has constituted a committee head-

ed by academician Mohan Alva to study the proposal. The committee is expected to submit its report within a week. The Tulu speaking populace has been demanding official language status. In fact when BS Yediyurappa was chief minister in 2008, he had assured that it would be recommended to the Union government, and it was included in Tulu language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. Online campaigns were launched, demanding official status to the language.

Minister Sunil Kumar, who is also from Udipi, tweeted about the government's stand on Tulu language, and netizens started demanding official status to Byari, Koraga, Kodava and other languages.



Farooq submits a plaint to Mangaluru Police Commissioner N Shashi Kumar against VHP leader Sharan Pumpwell

Invoke UAPA against VHP leader Sharan: Fazil's father

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

UMMAR Farooq, father of Mohammad Fazil who was murdered in Surathkal near Mangaluru, submitted a petition to Mangaluru City Police Commissioner N Shashi Kumar on Monday demanding action against VHP leader Sharan Pumpwell for his statement that "Hindutva activists killed Fazil to avenge Praveen Nettaru's murder".

Later, Umamar told reporters that the police should book all those who are involved in his son's killing.

"It is now clear as to who is behind the murder. Sharan said that the murder was a revenge killing. He should not claim that Hindus are behind the killing because Hindus will not indulge in such heinous crimes and they have a good heart. Those with a different ideology belonging to such groups are involved in it. The murderers are cowards and they have killed my innocent son," he said. I have lodged a complaint with the DGP and the ADGP also. I will continue my legal fight until I get justice. I urge the police to arrest and invoke provisions of the UAPA against Sharan," he added.

Farooq expressed displeasure as no public representatives visited his house after his son's murder. "We do not seek compensation. They could have at least checked on us. If the CM, MP or MLA had some concern, they would have met us," he said.



Congress leader CP Sharath Chandra joins the Aam Aadmi Party in Bengaluru on Monday

In the Congress, views of party workers are not taken into consideration while taking decisions like selecting candidates or appointing office-bearers... It follows the high command culture — CP Sharath Chandra

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KPCC president DK Shivakumar's brother-in-law and Congress leader CP Sharath Chandra on Monday joined the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Bengaluru. Alleging that there was no internal democracy in the Congress, Chandra said that he joined the AAP as it suits his ideology and vision for development. "In the Congress, views of party workers are not taken into consideration while taking important decisions like selecting candidates or appointing office-bearers... it follows the high command culture," he added.

Chandra joined the AAP in the presence of state leaders Bhaskar Rao and Mukhyamantri Chandru. Bhaskar Rao said Chandra, a farmer-industrialist is a law graduate, and had campaigned for the Congress in the 2013, 2014 and 2019 elections.

Chandra clarified that he has maintained a distance from the Shivakumar family, except for meeting them on social occasions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION NOT AGAINST GUV: STALIN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

FOUR days after Chief Minister MK Stalin and a section of ministers attended the 'At Home' reception hosted by Governor RN Ravi, the DMK party president clarified he took part in the Republic Day fete to uphold the dignity of democracy. The participation was no act of political backtracking or compromise, he said on Monday in an 11.37-minute question-and-answer video titled 'Ungalail Oruvan Pathilgal' (answers from one amongst you).

Stalin added the resolution moved by him in the Assembly on



Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin and Governor R N Ravi pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi



My resolution is that the address which was prepared by the (Tamil Nadu) government should go on Assembly records without any changes

MK Stalin,
Tamil Nadu Chief Minister

January 9 was not against the governor but was to ensure the latter's address -- prepared by the state government -- was on record. "My resolution is that the address

which was prepared by the (state) government should go on Assembly records without any changes. The resolution was adopted and the dignity of the house and the

principles of the democracy were upheld." Stalin's reasoning for his participation in the governor's event was age-old ethics.

His clarification comes in response to charges on social media platforms that the ruling party compromised with the union government and particularly, the Raj Bhavan. As DMK allies boycotted the event, several claimed that the ruling party was unable to follow in line with alliance partners, and instead rushed to the Raj Bhavan to please him after receiving an invitation.

A section of the ruling regime's alliance partners openly aired their disappointment with the DMK.

DUBAI-KOCHI FLIGHT

Man caught smoking inside aircraft lavatory

TOBY ANTONY @Kochi

AT a time when 'in-flight misbehaviours' by passengers make headlines, a 62-year-old man from Thrissur was caught allegedly smoking in the lavatory of a Dubai-Kochi flight. Sukumaran T, a native of Mala, who arrived at the Kochi airport by Spicejet Airways SG-17 flight on Sunday night, was arrested by the Nedumbassery police on a complaint from the Kochi airport security officer.

According to police officials, the staff of the Spicejet flight noticed smoke emanating from the lavatory while the flight was mid-air, and soon intercepted the person. They reported the matter to the airport security officer when the flight landed in Kochi. "It was based on the security officer's information that we took the person into custody. We have also seized a cigarette lighter from him," said a police officer.

Sukumaran has been booked under Sections 11A and 5A of the Aircraft Act and Section 118(e) of the Kerala Police Act. He was later released on bail. "Smoking inside the air-tight cabin of a flight puts other passengers in danger. It can also trigger fire inside the flight. This illegal act can attract imprisonment for two years

and a fine," the officer said.

Biji Eapen, national president of IATA Agents Association of India (IAAI) and MD of Speedwings Aviation Group, said these are isolated incidents reported in Kerala's aviation sector. Earlier, unruly passengers were not reported by the airline company fearing damage to their reputation, he said.

"Smoking inside aircraft is banned across the globe. Flights from India never allow carrying any inflammable objects. After the recent controversies over passengers' misbehaviour, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has given direction to airline companies to report such incidents. This might be the reason why the company concerned reported the matter at the airport, resulting in the subsequent action," he said.

Biji opined that lack of awareness among flyers is the prime reason behind people engaging in such dangerous acts inside flights. "DGCA claims that awareness leaflets are issued about banned substances and behaviour inside a flight. But how many passengers read such leaflets? Other effective awareness campaigns should be conducted to prevent incidents like an inebriated passenger urinating on co-passengers or smoking inside the flight," he said.



Jagan's flight lands after tech glitch

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@Vijayawada

THE special flight carrying Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy developed a technical snag mid-air and returned back to Gannavaram airport after nearly 20 minute flight. The flight landed safely.

Jagan Mohan Reddy was on his way to Delhi to attend Global Investment Summit preparatory meet with industrialists and ambassadors. He was accompanied by MP PV Mithun Reddy, Chief Secretary KS Jawahar Reddy and other officials.

According to officials, there was pressurisation in the flight cabin due to leakage in Air-Condition valve. Noticing the same, the pilot brought back the flight to Gannavaram airport within 24 minutes after it took off from the airport.

The Chief Minister and his delegation boarded the special flight before 5 p.m. and it took off at 5:03 p.m. Within a few minutes, the technical glitch was noticed.

Vijayawada airport director M Lakshminath Reddy said any flight that is scheduled to fly have to pass a thorough check before it take off. "A flight will take off only after proper check. Even if there is a small technical glitch, the pilot returns back to the airport and the same has happened here," he said.

MURUGHA CASE

HC seeks state's response to petition

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THE Karnataka High Court on Monday sought a response from the state government on a petition filed by Basavaprabhu Swamiji, in-charge pontiff of Sri Murugharajendra Bruhanmata, seeking directions to entrust the investigation into the alleged audio conversation enticing a minor girl to file a complaint against Sri Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru, to a senior woman police officer.

The petition alleged that a conspiracy was hatched against the swami by former administrator of the mutt and former MLA SK Basavarajan, his wife, and former employee of the mutt Basavarajendra Devaru.

Justice M Nagaprasanna issued the notice to the state government while directing it to place the status report on February 10.

The petitioner alleged that the former administrator of the mutt and the former employee have not cooperated with the investigation. Despite this, the police did not think it fit to take further police remand and conveniently submitted them to judicial remand.

IIIT panel to study ChatGPT

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FOLLOWING reports of ChatGPT being used by students to pass examinations in American universities, some private Bengaluru universities have implemented policies to ban or reduce its use in their institutions. Several instances of its use by college students have been reported.

Private institutions like RV University and the International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) have formulated their own ways of addressing the problem. IIIT formulated a four-person committee to analyse ChatGPT and its impact on education.

Speaking to *TNIE*, IIIT Director Dr Debabrata Das said that the committee would undertake deep tech studies on ChatGPT and understand how effective its use in assignments is. "The committee will study its effectiveness in assignments, especially in post-graduate courses and courses related to computer science and engineering," he said.

Amidst massive gathering, Jharsuguda bids tearful adieu to Odisha minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Jharsuguda

THOUSANDS bid a tearful adieu to Naba Kishore Das whose mortal remains were consigned to flames with full state honour here on Monday.

Das' last rites were performed at Kherual area in Jharsuguda at around 5 pm on the day. The minister's body reached around 11.40 am and was taken to his residence. Several ministers and senior leaders of BJD visited Das' residence where rituals were performed. At around 1 pm, the body was taken to Kherual for the last rites. Amid chants of slokas, Das' son Bishal lit the funeral pyre in the presence of ministers Niranjan Pujari, Ranendra Pratap Swain, Atanu Sabyasachi Nayak, Rohit Pujari, Rita Sahoo, Tukuni Sahu and ST secretary VK Pandian.

Besides, Prasanna Acharya, Susant Singh, Sanjit Mohanty, Dibya Shankar Mishra, Barghar MP Suresh Pujari and industrialists from Jharsuguda were present at the cremation site where 5,000 people had gathered.

Das breathed his last on Sunday evening, hours after he was shot by an assistant sub-inspector (ASI) at Brajarajnagar, where he had gone to attend an event. The ASI is believed to be suffering from a mental health



Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik offers floral tributes to the mortal remains of Naba Kishore Das at his residence in Bhubaneswar on Monday | SHIBA PRASAD SAMU

issues. In honour of the departed leader, most shops, business establishments and educational institutions in the district remained closed on the day with locals pouring out on the streets to shower flowers on the hearse carrying Das' remains.

Meanwhile, the ASI was dismissed from service and arrested for his involvement in the incident. While a special team of Crime Branch led by ADG Arun Bothra reached the crime spot and started investigation on Sunday evening, the ASI was interrogated on Monday.

Earlier, an FIR was lodged by Brajarajnagar IIC Pradyumna Kumar Swain against the ac-

cused. The 52-year-old dismissed ASI has been booked under section 302 of the IPC besides 27(1) of the Arms act.

Meanwhile, Jayanti, wife of accused Gopal Das said she will extend all cooperation to the police during investigation. Jayanti, who said she was shocked by the incident, has shifted to her native Jaleswarkhandi village near Gopal's residence at Ankuli. She said her family has been feeling insecure at Ankuli. "We felt insecure and decided to shift to our native place," said Jayanti while reiterating her husband was suffering from psychological issues.

HAMPI UTSAV

2 nabbed for hurling water bottles at singer Kailash Kher

AMIT S UPADHYE @Hubballi

THE three-day Hampi Utsav concluded on Sunday evening with an untoward incident after two locals hurled water bottles at famous singer Kailash Kher who was performing on the stage. The incident happened when the singer was singing a Hindi number during the last event of Hampi Utsav cultural programmes.

The Hampi police have arrested the duo. While one bottle landed very close to the singer, another one fell on the stage. The people caught them and handed them over to the police.

The police said accused Saddam Ibrahim (22) and Krishnappa Venkappa (21), both residents of Hampi, have confessed that they threw the

bottles at the singer as he was not singing any Kannada numbers. Kher was invited by the organising committee of Hampi Utsav for a Bollywood night cultural event at the Utsav. The police have clamped cases against the accused under IPC Section 355 and 505.

"In fact, Kher has sung many Kannada songs. He started with his famous Hindi songs. The singer continued the show even as some locals threw bottles on him," said an event organising member.

"Due to poor response in the first two days, the committee decided to remove the VVIP and VIP sections and allowed the crowd to sit close to the stage. As it was the concluding day, people were restless and the incident happened," the member added.

NOT THE FIRST TIME

A few months ago, a person hurled a slipper at Kannada actor Darshan when the latter was in Hosapete for the promotion of his film *Kranti*. Police had arrested three persons for the act. Two weeks ago, during the Ballari Utsav, a group of people damaged the car window glass in which noted playback singer Satyavati Rathod, popularly known as Mangali, was travelling.

and R Jayanth, both residents of Jaragahalli. Both learners, they entered the pool without wearing swimming vests and drowned in six-feet deep water.

The jurisdictional Konanakunte police have arrested the coach, Moheen, and the owner of the pool, Shekar. Search is on for another accused, Naresh. Shekar had taken the pool on lease. "Both the boys were students of Jaragahalli Government School. Both died due to the negligence of the accused," P Krishnakant, DCP (South) told the media.

Parents of the deceased are

daily wage labourers. The boys were initially swimming on the side of the pool but later ventured into deeper waters and drowned. The coach and the owner were present at the pool but failed to keep an eye on the two boys. The boys had bought tickets worth Rs 100 each to swim in the pool.

Man-leopard conflict cases on rise: Foresters capture 63 big cats in 3 yrs

B K LAKSHMIKANTHA @Mysuru

WITH back-to-back deaths in just a few months due to suspected leopard attacks in the district, the state government has come under immense fire for failing to prevent man-animal conflicts. The capture of 63 leopards in Mysuru district alone in the past three years by the forest department reveals the seriousness the forest department has given to the issue of human-leopard conflict in the district.

Though leopards for their habitat needs and food are found near human habitations both in urban and rural areas in the district crossing each others path, there had been a great hue and cry among the people to initiate action to capture leopards after the death of 22-year-old Meghana from Sosale Kebbehundi in T Narasipura taluk on December 1.

Her death happened exactly a month after 20-year-old youth C Manjunath from neighbouring M L Hundi was mauled by a leopard at Sri Mallikarjuna Swamy Hills in Ukkalagere village in the taluk.

The death of 60-year-old Siddamma from Kannayakanahalli village on January 20 and 11-year-old Jayanth the following day in the same taluk and the sightings of leopards in CFTRI campus

Yet another farmer hurt in leopard attack

Mysuru: A 50-year-old labourer was grievously injured in leopard attack in KR Pet taluk in Mandya district on Monday morning. Police said Jayaram, a native of Bhadravathi in Shivamogga district and a resident of Bommanayakanahalli village in KR Pet taluk, had gone to harvest sugarcane in Ramasamudra village. When Jayaram was busy cutting sugarcane along with other labourers, a leopard which was hiding in the field pounced on him and injured him badly. He was saved by other labourers who managed to chase away the feline. Injured Jayaram was rushed to the taluk hospital and after first aid, he was shifted to KR Hospital in Mysuru. Meanwhile, villagers informed the foresters who rushed to the spot and conducted combing operations to trap the leopard.



atop Chamundi Hills and at sugarcane fields by villages adds fuel to the fire demanding people for immediate action.

The public outcry forced Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to jump into action, hold a series of meetings with top forest officials and set up a special task force exclusively to mitigate human-leopard conflict.

DCF (Wildlife) K N Basavaraj told *The New Indian Express* that as per the proposal, the Leopard Task Force will have 55 personnel including a range forest officer (RFO), four Deputy RFOs and eight forest

guards. The task force will also have 36 forest watchers and six drivers who will be outsourced. There will be two forensic analysts and two veterinarians in the team.

"We have also proposed purchasing of night vision binoculars, thermal binoculars, dash cameras with GPS, infrared GSM cameras, long range searchlights and customised jeeps at the cost of ₹4.6 crore. There are 19 trap cages and additional 30 cages will be purchased and two cattle pen cages. We will also purchase additional tranquilising guns for the task force," he said.

Leopards are listed in Appendix 1 of the Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) and in Schedule 1 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 in India to provide the highest level of protection.

CRIME PATROL

Conman warns cops of transfer for arresting him

Bengaluru: The Central division police encountered a bizarre incident after a conman at the time of arrest in a cheating case reportedly 'threatened' them of not sparing after he came out of the jail. The accused is also alleged to have challenged the cops involved in his arrest to get them transferred. The Seshadripuram police arrested the conman identified as Lokesh who was reportedly cheating banks by borrowing loans. "The accused even questioned R Srinivas Gowda, DCP (Central) for coming after a small fry," said the police. **ENS**

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SIMILARLY, accounting of non-use values of ecosystems through the benefit transfer method indicating regulating and cultural services support accounted for Rs 96.89 billion and Rs 37.93 billion per year, respectively, stated the report.

Researchers in the report also stated that the annual flow of water in the ecosystem accounted to Rs 284.52 billion per year. However the overall net present value of the ecosystem accounted for Rs 7,320.6 billion (7.32 lakh crore) which includes the ecological, socio-cultural and environmental support wetland provides to ecosystems in Karnataka.

In case of the water bodies of Bengaluru, the researchers accounted two water bodies in the report- Rachenahalli and Varthur lakes, spread across 42.09 ha and 220 ha, respectively. The report stated that the total value of the ecosystem services provided by Rachenahalli lake is Rs 10,435 hectares per day and that of Varthur lake is Rs 55,54,000 hectares per day.

Prof Ramachandra explained that water bodies not just help fishermen, but play a crucial role in the ecosystem and that needs to be accounted for -- vegetation, livelihood support, provision of water (surface and underground) and other products. Thus it is important to ascertain its ecological and economic worth in decision making process by the government.

The method of assessment includes market price method, socio-economic surveys, contingent value methods and questionnaires to ascertain the dependence on water bodies.

Two 13-year-old boys drown in private pool in Bengaluru

ENS @Bengaluru

TWO 13-year-old boys drowned in a private swimming pool at MNC Sports Academy in JP Nagar 7th Phase in Annapurneshwari Layout around 1.30 pm on Monday.

The deceased are P Mohan

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited

(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
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**APPENDIX IV (Rule 8(11))****POSSESSION NOTICE For Immovable property)**

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of the IDFC First Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) Read With Rule 3 Of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Issued A Demand Notice Dated 09.11.2022 Calling Upon The Borrower, Co-Borrowers And Guarantors 1. **Chill Air Systems, 2. P Akhil Krishnamurthy, 3. Neelima Akhil** To Repay The Amount Mentioned In The Notice Being **Rs. 75,40,267.46/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lac Forty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Seven And Forty Six Paise Only)** As On 09.11.2022, Within 60 Days From The Date Of Receipt Of The Said Demand Notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub – section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **27th day of January 2023**.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **IDFC First Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)** for an amount of **Rs. 75,40,267.46/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lac Forty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Seven and Forty Six Paise Only)** and interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub – Section (8) Of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable properties

All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Site Bearing No.1623, Hig-II, Sector "C", Khatha No.150200101800422199, Developed By The Karnataka Housing Board Under Suverma Karnataka Scheme And 225 Scheme Situated At Suryanagara Phase -II, Comprising Of The Lands Acquired By The Karnataka Housing Board In Various Survey Numbers Of Marasur Village, Kasaba Hobli Of Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District Measuring East To West 15 Meters And North To South 23.90 Meters In All Measuring 358.50 Sq. Meters, And Bounded On: **East: Site No. 1622 Hig-II, West : Site No. 1624 Hig-II, North: Site No. 1613 Hig-II, South: 12 Meters Wide Road**

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
Date : 27th January 2023
Place : Bangalore. (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)
Loan Account No : 38918124.

PEGASUS ASSETS RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED
 55-56, 5th Floor, Free Press House, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400 021. Phone No : 022 - 6188 4700
 Email : sys@pegasus-arc.com URL : www.pegasus-arc.com

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION SALE
 Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantors (s) that, the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, being Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Private Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of Pegasus Group Twenty Seven Trust-I (Pegasus), having been assigned the dues of the below mentioned borrower along with underlying securities, interest by South Indian Bank vide Assignment Agreement dated 30/03/2016 under the provisions of SARFAESI Act. Physical possession of the secured asset has been taken by Authorized Officer of South Indian Bank under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act and SARFAESI Rules and which will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 21/02/2023 for recovery of Rs.31,53,66,000/- (Rupees Thirty One Crore Fifty Three Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Only), in Term Loan account as on 10/06/2019 together with further interest, costs, charges and expenses thereon w.e.f. 11/06/2019 due to the Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd., from M/s. Acropetal Technologies Ltd (Borrower) and Mr. D. Ravi Kumar (Guarantor). The reserve price is as mentioned in the table below.

Description of Immovable Property which is being sold:

Name of the Borrower:	M/s. Acropetal Technologies Limited
Names of Guarantors:	Mr. D. Ravi Kumar
Outstanding Dues	Term Loan - Rs.31,53,66,000/- as on 10/06/2019 plus further interest, costs, charges and expenses thereon.
Description of Immovable Property:	All that piece and parcel of the composite immovable property measuring 1 acre 10 guntas bearing survey no. 114/1 situated at Huttenahalli village, Jala hobli, Bangalore north taluk duly converted for non- agricultural purposes vide orders of assistant commissioner vide order no. ALN/SR/14/004-05 dated 01.04.2005 comprising plots in all 35 no's totally ad-measuring 34.293 Sq ft assessed for house taxes by chikkajala gram panchayath under khameshmi no. 724 together with all buildings existing and/or to be constructed thereon in future bounded by: East by: land in sy. No. 114/2 West by: Remaining land in sy. No. 114/1 North by: land in sy. No. 109/3 South by: Hosahalli gadi and 40 feet Road

Reserve Price below which the property will not be sold in Rs.	2,09,00,000/-
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in Rs.	20,90,000/-
Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit	Details are mentioned in the table above

Claims, if any, which have been put forward against the property and any other dues known to Secured creditor and value	NA
Inspection of Properties	From 05/02/2023 to 06/02/2023 Contact No. 7406957945/ 9611551165.
Last date for submission of Bid:	20/02/2023 till 4:00 pm

Time and Venue of Bid Opening	E-Auction/Bidding through website (https://sarfaesi.auction-tiger.net) on 21/02/2023 at from 11.00 am to 1:00 pm.
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This publication is also a Fifteen days' notice to the aforementioned borrower/guarantors under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002.
For detailed terms & conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors website i.e. <http://www.pegasus-arc.com/assets-to-auction.html> for detailed terms & conditions of e-auction/sale of respective property and other details before submitting their bids for taking part in the e-auction. Bidders may also visit the website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net or contact service provider M/s. E Procurement Technologies Ltd. Auction Tiger, Bidder Support: 079-68136005/68136837 Mo.: +91 9265562821 & 9374519754, Email-vijay.shetty@auction-tiger.net, chintan.bhatt@auctiontiger.net | support@auctiontiger.net.

AUTHORISED OFFICER
Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Private Limited
(Trustee of Pegasus Group Twenty Seven Trust I)
Place: Bangalore
Date: 30.01.2023

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantors that the below described secured assets mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, being Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Private Limited acting in its capacity as Trustee of Pegasus Group One Trust-37 (Pegasus), having been assigned the dues of the below mentioned borrower along with underlying securities, interest by Indus Bank Limited vide Assignment Agreement dated 29/03/2019 under the provisions of SARFAESI Act, 2002.

The Authorized officer of Pegasus has taken possession of the below mentioned mortgaged property on 20/02/2020 under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act and SARFAESI Rules. In view of the aforesaid the below mentioned mortgaged property will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 22/02/2023 for recovery of Rs.2,07,13,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Seven Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Only), in Cash Credit & Term Loan account as on 09/08/2019 together with further interest, costs, charges and expenses thereon w.e.f. 10/09/2019 due to the Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Pvt. Ltd., from M/s. Innovative Display Solutions (Borrower) and Guarantors. The reserve price is as mentioned below.

Description of Immovable Property which is being sold:

Name of the Borrower:	M/s. Innovative Display Solutions
Names of Guarantors:	Mr. Cherish Tota, Smt. Shonali Deokule, Mr. Srinivas
Outstanding Dues	Rs.2,07,13,000/- (Rupees Two Crore Seven Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Only), in Cash Credit & Term Loan account as on 09/08/2019 together with further interest, costs, charges and expenses thereon
Description of Immovable Property:	All that part and parcel of immovable property bearing Site/Plot No. 1A, carved out of Site No. 1, formed in Property No. 55, Old Khatha No. 101/55/1, New Khatha No. 1240/1, admeasuring 324 Sq ft and building constructed thereon situated at Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk/Eastwood Layout, Haralur Road, Opp. Sarjapur Road, Bangalore-560034 and bounded on the: East by: Remaining portion of the same property, West by: Compound Wall, North by: Layout Road South by: Site/Plot No. 6.

Reserve Price below which the property will not be sold in Rs.	1,86,00,000
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in Rs.	18,60,000
Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit	Details are mentioned in the table above

Claims, if any, which have been put forward against the property and any other dues known to Secured creditor and value	NA
Inspection of Properties	04/02/2023.
Contact Person and Phone No	Mr. Nagesh Babu (Authorized Officer) 7406957945/9611551165
Last date for submission of Bid:	21/02/2023 till 4:00 pm

Time and Venue of Bid Opening	E-Auction/Bidding through website (https://sarfaesi.auction-tiger.net) on 22/02/2023 from 11.00 am to 1:00 pm.
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This publication is also a Fifteen days' notice to the aforementioned borrower/guarantors under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002.
For detailed terms & conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors website i.e. <http://www.pegasus-arc.com/assets-to-auction.html> for detailed terms & conditions of e-auction/sale of respective property and other details before submitting their bids for taking part in the e-auction. Bidders may also visit the website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net or contact service provider M/s. E Procurement Technologies Ltd. Auction Tiger, Bidder Support: 079-68136005/68136837 Mo.: +91 9265562821 & 9374519754, Email-vijay.shetty@auction-tiger.net, chintan.bhatt@auctiontiger.net | support@auctiontiger.net.

AUTHORISED OFFICER
Pegasus Assets Reconstruction Private Limited
(Trustee of Pegasus Group One Trust 37)
Place: Bangalore
Date: 30.01.2023

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE No. M/SG.2022-23-326 to 330.
Dated: 25.01.2023 and M/SG.2022-23-331 dated: 27.01.2023

Sr.DSTE/Co-ordin/MAS acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for the following works:

E-Tender No.	Name of work	Approx. Cash value (₹)	Corrigendum Issued	Period of Completion
M/SG.2022-23-326	Zonal Contract for the Signalling Portion of work in AJJ-CGL and BBO-TRL sections of Chennai Division for the year 2022-23	15 Lakhs	YES	4 Months
M/SG.2022-23-327	Zonal Contract for the Signalling Portion of work under ADSTE/SPE jurisdiction of Chennai Division for the year 2022-23	15 Lakhs	YES	4 Months
M/SG.2022-23-328	Zonal Contract for the Signalling Portion of work under ADSTE/AJJ jurisdiction of Chennai Division for the year 2022-23	15 Lakhs	YES	4 Months
M/SG.2022-23-329	Zonal Contract for the Signalling Portion of work under ADSTE/KPD jurisdiction of Chennai Division for the year 2022-23	15 Lakhs	YES	4 Months
M/SG.2022-23-330	Zonal Contract for the Signalling Portion of work under ADSTE/TBM jurisdiction of Chennai Division for the year 2022-23	15 Lakhs	YES	4 Months
M/SG.2022-23-331	Zonal Contract for Telecom Portion of work over Chennai Division for the year 2022-23	15 Lakhs	NO	4 Months

The complete details of the tender can be downloaded from the e-tender portal <https://www.ireps.gov.in>

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer / Chennai Division / Chennai - 600 003

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IN THE COURT OF THE XCI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS AND SPECIAL JUDGE FOR KPIDFE ACT AT BENGALURU
Misc No./1370/2022**BETWEEN**

Competent Authority

M/s Heera Group of Companies,
& The Special Deputy Commissioner-1
Bangalore Urban District.

..... Petitioner

AND

1. M/s Heera Group of Companies.
And Another

No. 8, Ground Floor, Unit - 2, Cokborn Cross Road,
New Bomboo Bazar, Bangalore - 560 051. Respondents

Notice to Respondent No. 1.

1. M/s Heera Group Companies.
Represented by Its Managing Director
Sri. Nowhera Shaik C.E.O. & Director,
No. 8, Ground Floor, Unit - 2, Cokborn Cross Road,
New Bomboo Bazar, Bangalore - 560 051.

Whereas, the petitioner has filed the Misc. Petition No. 1370/2022 under section 5(2) of the KPIDFE Act 2004 against respondents.

The Respondents No. 1 are hereby issued Court notice u/s 12(1) of KPIDFE Act 2004 to appear in the court of the XCI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge (CCH-92) at Bengaluru, in person or through a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above petition on 13-02-2023 at 11.00 a.m.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the date above mentioned, Petition will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this day 25th January 2023.

Venkatesh P. Dalwai Special Public Prosecutor City Civil Court, Bangaluru.	By Order of the Court Assistant Registrar City Civil Court, Bangaluru.
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DISTRICT URBAN DEVELOPMENT CELL
OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER AND
DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, BELAGAVI DISTRICT, BELAGAVI
 Telephone No:0831-2407279 E-Mail:ducd_bgm@yahoo.co.in
No: BGM/DUDC/5/CR-25/2021-22 Dated: 30-01-2023
Short Term Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Belagavi District invites tender in one cover system for SI.No.01 to 03 using KW-2 Document and two cover system for SI.No.04 to 08 using KW-3 & 4 Documents for Belagavi District under Chief Minister Amrut Nagrothana (Municipality) Phase-4 Project (24.10%, 7.25%, 5% & Other Grant) works as detailed below:-
(Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl. No	Description of works	Amount Put to Tender (Excluding GST)	Earnest Money Deposit
1	Supply & Erection of Street Lights from Hosur Road Police Station to Hosa Oni nala at Ward No.14 in TMC BAILHONGAL limits (DMA/2022-23/EL/WORK_INDENT140625/Call-2) (Reserved for SC Contractors)	41.00	0.41
2	Supply & Erection of Main Pipe line from Malaprabha River Jackwell to Navecha Road in TP KHANAPUR limits (DMA/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT140668/Call-3)	22.75	0.46
3	Construction of Commercial Complex near New Bus Stand in TP ANKALGI-AKKATANGERHAL limits (DMA/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT140732/Call-3)	33.58	0.67
4	Construction of Road, Drain and UGD Works in Town Municipal Council BAILHONGAL limits. (Tender No. DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT143100/Call-2)	132.39	1.99
5	Construction of Road, Drain & Arch Works in Town Panchayat KHANAPUR limits.(Tender No. DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT143105/Call-2)	65.98	1.32
6	Drilling of Borewell, Providing & Laying of Pipeline, Construction of Ramp and Toilet Works in Town Panchayat MACHHE limits. (Tender No. DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT143107/Call-2)	65.11	1.30
7	Construction of Road, Drain and Toilet Works in Town Panchayat MK HUBBALLI limits. (Tender No. DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT143108/Call-2)	65.71	1.31
8	Construction of Road, Drain and Supply & Erection of Street Light Works in Town Panchayat ANKALGI-AKKATANGERHAL limits. (Tender No.DMA/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT143086/Call-2)	64.25	1.28

Contractors can download and submit the tenders through e-Procurement portal at www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Calendar of Events and other information are as follows:

Last date for submission of tenders	07-02-2023 up to 17.00 hrs.
Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids)	08-02-2023 at 17.01 hrs.

Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in newspapers.

Sd/-EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
District Urban Development Cell, Belagavi

DPR/DOM/NO-162-1023/2022-23

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : 802, Natraj By Rustomjee, Western Express Highway, Sir M.V. Road, Andheri East, Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra.
Zonal Office :- No.3, JVT Towers, 1st and 2nd Floor, 8th A Main Road, S R Nagar, Bangalore - 560027, (KA).
Kr Puram Branch : Office No. 1218, 2nd Floor, Pooja Complex, Old Madras Road, K R Puram, Bangalore-560036,(KA).
A.O : Nagaraj Yellappa, Mob : 9629309044.
Nelamangala Branch : 1st floor, Katha No. 658/A, Vinayaka Nagar,Arishinakunte,Near Honda Showroom,Nelamangala,Banglore-562123,(Karnataka).
A.O : Vijay Kumar, Mob : 7795290057.

**PROPERTY FOR SALE UNDER PROVISIONS OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002 THROUGH PRIVATE TREATY**

Whereas the Authorised Officer, Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) has taken the Possession u/s 13(4) of the **Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002 (The SARFAESI Act, 2002)** of the properties ("the Secured Asset") given below. The Authorised Officer has received offer of Sale from some interested party against the above mentioned Secured Asset under the SARFAESI Act for recovery of the Secured Debt. Now, the Authorised Officer is hereby giving the Notice to Sale of the above said property through Private Treaty in terms of rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002. The Details of the Account are as follows:

Sl No	Name of the Borrower / Co-Borrower	Demand Notice Date & Amount	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Total Ols Amount as on	Description of the Immovable property
1.	LOAN CODE NO. 21400001324 Kr Puram Branch) Late Bhanwar Lal Swami (Represented Through Legal Heir) (Borrower) Manju (Co Borrower)	13-05-2022 ₹20,97,218.00	₹20,00,000.00 (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Only)	₹ 2,00,000.00 (Rupees Two Lakhs Only)	30-01-2023 ₹ 19,42,196.00	Site No.3, Khatha No.9/3, Property No.9, Present BBMP No.2611, Bilishivale Village, Bidarahalli Hobali, Doddagubbi Main Road, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore - 560049, Karnataka. Bounded : East By : Remaining portion of property No.9, West By : Property belongs to Sri. Chandrappa, North By : Road and South By : Property belongs to Jayaramreddy.
2.	APPL. NO. 00290292 Nelamangala Branch) Srinivas N (Borrower) Jayamma D (Co Borrower)	16-04-2022 ₹4,18,654.00	₹4,50,000.00 (Rupees Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)	₹ 45,000.00 (Rupees Forty Five Thousand Only)	31-12-2022 ₹ 4,27,939.00	Site No 64 Survey No 37 & 36/3, Manchenahalli Village Kasaba Hobli Nelamangala , Bangalore Rural, Bengaluru - 562123, Karnataka. Bounded : East By : Road, West By : Site No 67, North By : Site No 63 and South By : Site No 65.

The Authorised Officer will hold auction for sale of the Secured Asset on 'As is where is Basis', 'As is what is basis' and 'Whatever is there is basis'. AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the said property. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept or reject the offer without assigning any reason whatsoever and sale will be subject to confirmation by Secured Creditor. On the acceptance of offer of proposed buyer, he/she is required to deposit 25% of accepted price inclusive adjustment of Earnest Money Balance immediately and the balance amount shall be paid by the purchaser within 15 (fifteen) days from date of acceptance of Offer by the Secured Creditor. The proposed buyer is to note that in case of failure of payment of balance amount by him/her within the time specified, the amount already deposited shall stand forfeited and property will be resold accordingly. This is 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002 is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Co-Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the above described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL) Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" and to the amount due to Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd., in full before the date of sale, auction is liable to be stopped.

The Date of Auction is fixed for 15-02-2023

Place : Kr Puram and Nelamangala
Date : 31.01.2023

Authorised Officer
Aadhar Housing Finance Limited

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
 (A scheduled commercial bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangala Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.
DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagees have availed loans from Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non performing Asset**, whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand Notice** calling upon the Borrower/s/ Co-Borrower/s/ Guarantor/s/ Mortgagees as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagee	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Syed Aslam, 2) Mrs. Reshma Sultana	Loan Account No. 34019430000369 & 34019430001066 Loan Amount: Rs.27,55,460/- & Rs.2,04,000/-	Schedule-II - Details of Secured Assets - Mortgaged Immovable Property: All the piece and parcel of the property bearing Assessment/ Khata/ Property No.7648/83 and measuring East to West 33 Ft and North to South 50 Ft total measuring 1650 Sq.ft. Situated at Ilahinagar, Sidlaghatta Town and Bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Property belongs to Narayanappa, North by: property belongs to Gopalappa, South by: Property belongs to Subhan.	Date of NPA: 02-12-2022 Demand Notice Date: 07-12-2022	Rs.28,14,764.90 (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Four and paise Ninety Only) & Rs.1,83,423.00 (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Three Only) as on 05-12-2022
2	1) M/s. Kumari Provision Store, 2) Mr. Sandeepa K, 3) Mr. Sampath	Loan Account No. 30198850006551 Loan Amount: Rs.7,00,000/-	Schedule-II - Details of Secured Assets - Mortgaged Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.16/A, Property No.59/59/16A, New BBMP Katha No.2618, Old Katha No.59, Property No.59, Parappana Agrahara Village, Begur Hobli, Presently comes under BBMP Limits Bangalore South Taluk and Bounded by: East by: Road, West by: Site No.21A, North by: Site No.16, South by: Road.	Date of NPA: 01-09-2022 Demand Notice Date: 27-01-2023	Rs.1,56,590.11 (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Five Hundred Ninety and Paise Eleven Only) as on 23-01-2023
3	1) Mr. H Raju, 2) Sri Anjanadri Dry Clenars	Loan Account No. 32998950000280, 32999670000092, 329996700000053 Loan Amount: Rs.6,00,000/-, Rs.64,310/- & Rs.45,711/-	Schedule-II - Details of Secured Assets - Mortgaged Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of the Site No.10, Khatha No. 37, Property No.37 at Kenganahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West (35+40)/2 feet and North to South 40 Feet Total Measuring 1500 Sq.feet. East by: Site No.9, West by: Other Property, North by: Road, South by: Other Property.	Date of NPA: 02-07-2022 Demand Notice Date: 27-01-2023	Rs.5,69,265.56 (Rupees Five Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Five and Paise Fifty Six Only), & Rs.54,700.00 (Rupees Fifty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Only) & Rs.31,504.59 (Rupees Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred

Bank of Baroda
K G Road Branch (Bangalore Central)
No 2, Pritvi Building, K G Road,
Bangalore - 560 009, Tel: 080-22268106/07,
E-mail: BANGAL@bankofbaroda.co.in
(A Government of India undertaking)

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1)
Whereas, the Authorized Officer of Bank of Baroda, K G Road Branch, Bangalore under the securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Sec.13(2) read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 08.11.2022 calling upon the 1) **Smt Sowmya C**, W/o Sri Vijay Kumar K V, No 1525, 3rd Floor, 12th Cross, 18th 'A' Main, 'A' Block, AECS layout, Bangalore - 560068, 2) **Smt Sowmya C**, W/o Sri Vijay Kumar K V, No 136, 10th Main, 14th 'B' Cross, AECS Layout, 'A' Block, Kudlu, Singasandra, Bangalore - 560068 (Borrower), 3) **Sri Vijay Kumar K V**, S/o Veerabhadrayya K, No 1525, 3rd Floor, 12th Cross, 18th 'A' Main, 'A' Block, AECS layout, Bangalore - 560068, 4) **Sri Vijay Kumar K V**, S/o Veerabhadrayya K, No 136, 10th Main, 14th 'B' Cross, AECS Layout, 'A' Block, Kudlu, Singasandra, Bangalore - 560068 (**Co-Borrower**) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being under of **Rs.46,38,101.00 (Rupees Forty Six lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred One only)** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor of the property having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor/Owner of the property in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **25th day of January of the year 2023**.
The borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount of **Rs.46,38,101.00 (Rupees Forty Six lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred One only)** plus interest thereon along with cost.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Vacant Site No. 1515, 12th Cross, 18th Main, Block A, BBMP Khata No. 2574/ 1515, Old PID No./ Khata No. 1515, formed and developed by the Aircraft Employees Co-operative Society Ltd., layout formed in Survey No.s 7/1, 7/2, 7/3, 7/4, 7/6, 8p, 9/1, 29/1, 29/2, 30/1, 30/2, 37, 38/1, 38/2, 38/3, 39/2, 39/4, 39/5, 40/41/1, 42/1, 42/2, 43, 44/1p, 45, 46 of Kudlu village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and Survey Nos. 6/1, 6/2, 8/1, 8/2, 8/3, 8/4, 8/5, 8/6, 10/1, 10/3, 15/1P, 15/2P, 17/1P, 18, 19, 21/1, 21/2, 21/3, 22/1, 22/2, 23/1, 23/2, 23/3, 23/4, 23/5, 23/6, 23/7, 23/8, 23/9, 23/10, 23/11, 23/12, 23/13, 25/1, 25/2, 25/3, 25/4, 25/5, 25/6, 26/1P, 26/3, 27/1A, 27/1B, 27/2, 28/1A, 28/1B, 28/2, 28/3, 28/4, 28/5, 29/1, 29/2, 30/1, 30/2, 31, 32/2, 32/3, 36, 38, 39, 43/1, 44, 46, 61/1, 61/2, 62, 63, 64, 67/1, 67/2, 67/3, 67/4, 67/6, 68/1, 72/1, 72/2, 72/3, 72/4, 73, 74, 75/1, 75/2, 75/3, 75/4, 75/5, 75/6, 75/7, 75/8, 75/9, 76/1, 76/3, 76/4, 77/1, 77/2, 77/3, 77/4, 77/5, 77/6, 78, 79/1, 79/2, 79/3, 79/4, 79/5, 79/6, 79/7, 79/8, 79/9, 80, 81/1, 81/2A, 81/2B, 81/2C, 81/3A, 81/3B, 83, 84, 85, 91/1, 91/2, 94/1, 94/2, 95, 96/1P, 96/2, 96/3, 97/1B, 97/2, 102/1, 102/2, 103/1, 103/3, 103/4, 103/5B, 106/3, 104/2, 105/1P, 105/2, 105/3, 106/1P, 106/2P, 106/3, 106/4, 106/5, 106/6, 109, 111/1, 111/2 of Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District at present HAL BDA layout, Singasandra, site formed by the Aircraft Employees Co-operative Society Ltd., Bangalore 560027, measuring East to West 30 feet or 9.146 mts., and North to South 42 feet or 12.802 mts., totally measuring 1260 Square feet or 117.18 Sq. mts., along with the house constructed thereon and bounded on: East By Site No. 1514, West By Site No. 1516, North By: Road, South By: Site No. 1552.
Place: Bengaluru Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date: 25.01.2023 Bank of Baroda, K G Road Branch

IN THE COURT OF THE XIX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE 6 & WC NO. 77/2022 (CCN-18)

Between: Master Vinay Kumar K S/o Sri. Kumar H, Aged about 17 years, Since Minor, represented by his natural guardian Sri. Kumar H, S/o Sri. Hanumanthappa, Aged about 54 years, Residing at No. 168, 34th Cross, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010. **..Petitioner**
And: -Nil- **..Respondent**
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas the above named has made petition to this court under section 8(2) of Hindu Minority and Guardian Act 1956, to sell the Petitioner's 15th share in the suit Schedule Property to the said Sri. Pandurangappa N, S/o Sri. Narasimhalah, or his nominee, as per registered Agreement of Sale dated 07.09.2022 and to deposit the Petitioner's 15th share of the Sale proceeds in the Schedule property or as directed by this Hon'ble Court, in any nationalized bank in the name of the petitioner and to pass such other suitable relief/s as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit in the facts and circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice and equity in favour of the petitioner, in respect of schedule mention below. The below mentioned schedule which jointly held by the petitioner and his family. Interested parties are hereby called upon to appear before this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **6.3.2023 at 11 a.m** inform to show cause against the petitioner failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential vacant Site bearing No.26, having BBMP Khatha No. 69/2B, formed out of Residential Converted land bearing New Sy. No. 69/2B, (Old Sy. No. 69/2) which is duly converted, vide Official Memorandum and bearing No. ALN/SR(N)/31/2004-05, dated 15.06.2004, issued by the Special District Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at MALLASANDRA VILLAGE, Panduranga Layout, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore presently coming under the limits of BBMP, Bagalagunte Ward No. 14, (earlier Dasarahalli CMC Ward No.5) measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South: 35 feet, totally measuring 1750 Sq. Feet, and bounded on: East by: 26 feet Width Road, West by Site No. 33, North by Site No.27, South by: Site No. 25
Given under my hand & seal of the court, this 24th day of January 2023.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Address for Service:
Chandranan, N, Advocate
M/s. C.M. Law Chambers
#3/11-B, 4th Main Road, 1st Floor,
D.B.S. Guna Siddhappa Building,
Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560009.

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, (Project Central - 3),
Annexe-2 Building, N.R.Square, Bengaluru - 560 002.

No: EE/PC-3/TEND/06/2022-23 Date: 30.01.2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through GoK e-Procurement Portal only) - 2nd Call

The Executive Engineer, Project Central-3, BBMP, Bengaluru, invites **SHORT TERM PROPOSALS** (Technical and Financial) for appointing Consultant for the works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the work	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Providing Project Management Consultancy Services including proof checking, construction, supervision and quality control for the work of Construction of New and Additional Floor to BBMP Schools and PU College Buildings at Jayamahala Narayana Pillai Street, Broadway, Byadarahalli, Cleveland Town, Pulakeshi nagar, Pillanna Garden, Cooks Town, Bharathinagar, Cox Town, Murphy Town, Ganganagar and Hafeeza School Compound Wall at Broadway, Bengaluru.	27,400/-

Cost of Bid Document (Rs.) : As per E-Procurement Portal

Calendar of Events: 1) Availability of RFP documents: **30.01.2023 onwards.** 2) Last date for receipt of queries is **04.02.2023 upto 17:30 hrs.** 3) Pre-bid meeting will be held on **06.02.2023 at 15:30 hrs.** in the office of the Chief Engineer, Project Central. 4) Last date & time for submission of Proposals : **09.02.2023 upto 17:30 hrs.** 5) Opening of Technical Proposals: **13.02.2023 at 16:30 hrs.**

Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or from the e-Procurement portal website: <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Central-3, BBMP

Bank of Baroda
Zonal Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, 7th Floor,
Vijaya Tower, 41/2, M G Road, Trinity Circle,
Bengaluru-560001. Phone: 080-25011280/
286/350, e-mail: armban@bankofbaroda.co.in,
Website: www.bankofbaroda.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property) [See Rule 8 (1)]

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Bank of Baroda under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **10.08.2021** calling upon the borrower

- 1) **M/s. Lakshmi Gold Khazaanaa Private Limited**, having its registered office at No.475, Nanjundi Arcade, 6th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru-560003
- 2) **Mr.K.P.Narajundi Vishwakarma** (Residing at No.341, Aishwarya, Nagarabavi 2nd Stage Malathahalli, Papareddy Palla Bengaluru -560072, Karnataka.)
- 3) **Mrs. Channajammami Siddachar** (Residing at No.341, Aishwarya Residing at No.341, Aishwarya Papareddy Pallya Bengaluru -560072, Karnataka.)
- 4) **Mr.K.K.S. Rajan** (No.88, 2nd Floor, 5th Cross, Lakshmi Narayan Puram, Bengaluru -560021, Karnataka.)
- 5) **Mr.M.K.Ramakrishna** (No.73/2, Vasavi Nilaya 5th Main, Devathachar Street, Chamrajpet, Bengaluru -560018. Also at: Flat No.201, Sai Supraja Nivesh No.33, Devathachar Street 5th Main Chamrajpet, Bengaluru-560018)

to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.66,64,23,81,03.93 (Rupees Sixty Six Crores Sixty Four Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ten and Paise Ninety Three Only)** as on **10.08.2021**.
The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken physical possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the **30th day of January of the year 2023**.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the Bank of Baroda for an amount **Rs. 76,83,57,897.66 (Rupees Seventy Six Crores Eighty Three Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety seven and Paise Sixty Six Only)** as on **27.01.2023** plus interest and charges thereon.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

All that piece and parcel of the immovable properties being commercial properties of 24.946 sq.ft bearing no. 2730/L-4 situated at Bengaluru - Nilgiri Road, Lakshar Mohalla, Mysore -570001 and 11,125 sq.ft bearing No. 2730/L-4/1 situated at Bengaluru - Nilgiri Road, Lakshar Mohalla, Mysore -570001, in all measuring an extent of 36,071 sq.ft as per details given hereunder:

- (1) All that piece and parcel of the portion of property bearing No.2730/L-4, situated at Bengaluru - Nilgiri Road, Lakshar Mohalla, Mysore -570001 and the land measuring on the Northern side from East to West about 171 feet, on the Southern side from East to West about 237 feet, on the Eastern side from North to South about 135 feet and on the Western Side from North to South about 121 feet, in all measuring 24946 Sq.Ft and bounded on the:- East by: Bengaluru- Nilgiri Road, West by: Property bearing Municipal No.2730/L-4/1, North by: Private Property, South by: Conservancy Lane
- (2) All that piece and parcel of the portion of property bearing no.2730/L-4/1, situated at Bengaluru - Nilgiri Road, Lakshar Mohalla, Mysore -570001 and the land measuring on the Northern side from East to West about 138 feet, on the Southern side from East to West about 134 feet, on the Eastern side from North to South about 84 feet and on the Western side from North to South about 78 feet, in all measuring 11,125 sq.ft and bounded on the:- East by: Property bearing No.2730/L-4, West by: Small Conservancy Lane, North by: Private Property, South by: Small Conservancy Lane.

The properties bearing No.2730/L-4, 2730/L-4/1, are clubbed by Mysore Mahanagar Palike. As per 12.2.2013 Mysore City corporation an extent of 308.16 sq.meters is to be transferred to Mysore Mahanagar Palike, By M/s. Lakshmi Gold Khazaanaa Pvt. Limited, without claiming any compensation for widening of road purposes). Hence, an extent of 32754sq.ft is taken into account for all purposes.

Date : 30.01.2023 Sd/-
Place : Mysuru Authorised Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that our client has entered in to Agreement Sale with Mr. MOHAMMED MOUZZAM AZEEZ, S/o Late Abdul Azeez Memon, aged about 46 years, Residing at No.6, 1st Main Road, Jayamahala, Bangalore 560046 for valuable sale consideration. Any person(s) claiming right, title or interest of whatsoever nature over the schedule property is called upon to lodge such claim with the undersigned, with supporting documents within 5 days from the date of publication. In the event no such claim(s) is received within the stipulated time, it would be presumed that no valid claim(s) subsists and our client would not be bound by any claims lodged after the said period.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land together with the structures standing thereon bearing Municipal Corporation No.4007, PID No.72-1-4007, (formed by the BDA), with multi-Storied Commercial building known as "HALLMARK SQUARE", situated at HAL II Stage Extension, (100 feet Road), Corporation Ward No.72, Bangalore, EAST to WEST - 27.43 Meters, NORTH to SOUTH - 18.28 Meters; Totally measuring in all 501.42 along with Square meters or 5397.28 Square feet along with Ground, Mezzanine, First, Second and Third floor along with terrace areas.

Boundaries: East by: Road, West by: BDA Land, North by: Site Bearing No 4006, and South by: Site Bearing No 4008

P.B. Aji & R.K. Thottanathaya
M/s. B.R.K. ASSOCIATES
Advocate & Consultants

7/1, G.J. Complex, 100 Feet Road, Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bangalore-560038

भारत सरकार - अंतरिक्ष विभाग / GOVERNMENT OF INDIA - DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
निर्माण एवं अनुसंधान समूह, एसडीएससी-शार / CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP, SDSC-SHAR श्रीहरीकोटा, आ.प्र. / SRIHARIKOTA - 524124**संक्षिप्त ई-निविदा सूचना / Brief E-TENDER NOTICE शुद्धिपत्र / CORRIGENDUM-I**

ई-निविदा सूचना सं/ए-Tender Notice No.CMG/C/N28720 तिथि/Date. 27.01.2023

भारत के राष्ट्रपति की ओर से 'ईपीसी संविदा पर श्रीहरीकोटा के आगंतुक परिसर में टोल प्लाजा के लिए स्थित एवं विद्युत कार्य सहित 'योजना, डिजाइन, रचना, आपूर्ति, निर्माण एवं 'पूर्व-अभियंत्रिक इस्पात संरचना' की शुरुआत' (₹133 लाख); ई-निविदा के माध्यम से ईपीसी निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा दस्तावेज **07.02.2023** को **14:30** बजे तक डाउनलोड किए जा सकते हैं। विस्तृत सूचना हेतु इच्छुक निविदाकार हमारी वेबसाइट www.isro.gov.in या www.tenderwizards.com/ISRO पर जाएं।

On behalf of President of India, "EPC" tenders are invited through e-tendering for "Planning, Design, Fabrication, supply, erection and Commissioning of "Pre-Engineered steel structure" including Civil and Electrical works for TOLL PLAZA at Visitors Complex at Sriharikota on EPC Contract". (₹133 Lakhs); Tender documents can be downloaded up to **07.02.2023, 14:30 hrs.** Interested tenders may visit www.isro.gov.in or www.tenderwizards.com/ISRO for details.

हस्ताक्षरित- समूह प्रधान, सीएमजी / एसडीएससी शार / Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG / SDSC SHAR

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Corporate Office- 1st Floor, 'Dare House', No. 2, N.S.C. Bose Road, Chennai -600001**APPENDIX IV**
[See rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated calling upon the Borrower(s) to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice and interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The Borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The Borrower(s) in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited for an amount and interest thereon. The Borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act in respect of time available, to redeem the Secured Assets.

S. No.	Name and Address of the Borrowers & Loan A/c no.	Date of Demand Notice	O/S AMT	Description Of The Immovable Property	Date Of Possession
1.	Loan Account No. HL05KUM000000202 Ere Gowda Marchandahalli, Bhinarasapura Post, Near Water Tank, Hoskote, KARNATAKA 562122 Latha V Marchandahalli, Bhinarasapura Post, Near Water Tank, Hoskote, KARNATAKA 562122 Ere Gowda No.74, Marasandhalli Hoskote Rural Near Kateramma Temple Hoskote 562122 Latha V No.74, Marasandhalli Hoskote Rural Near Kateramma Temple Hoskote 562122	11-11-2022	Rs.2022031/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Twenty Thousand Thirty One Only) as on 09-11-2022	All the piece and parcel property bearing No.74, Khatha No. 139/74, property No. 150300401500520018, Marasandhalli Village, Hettaki Grama Panchayat Limits, Nandegudi Hoskote Hobli, bangalore Urban District, measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 40 Feet, Totally measuring 1600 square feet and bounded on -East by- Own Property, West by- Government site, South by- Property of Akkalappa, North by- Property of Akkalappa,	Symbolic 25-01-2023

Date: 25-01-2023 **Place: Bengaluru** **AUTHORISED OFFICER**
CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

THE HOTEL INDUSTRIALISTS CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,
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At their request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its below mentioned branches. The relevant particulars of the property on which they have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by registered AD calling upon them, was un-served/not acknowledged / addressee left/ this publication is now issued.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower: 1. Mrs. V Mythili W/o Late M Rajashekar, 2. Mrs. R Choodamani D/o Late M Rajashekar, 3. Mrs. R Keshavalakshmi D/o Late M Rajashekar, 4. Mr. R Manoj S/o Late M Rajashekar, All are residing at: No. 1587, 5th Main Road, E Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010.

(1) Account Number : IPL-387 Limit Amount : Rs.7,00,000/-
(2) Account Number : IPL-694 Limit Amount : Rs.20,00,000/-

Out Standing Loan Amount : Rs.15,86,218/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Eighty Six Thousand Two Hundred Eighteen Only) as on **30.11.2022** together with further interest thereon with effect from **01.12.2022** at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realisation.

Date of NPA: 03.06.2022 Demand Notice dtd: 29.12.2022 Branch: Chamrajpet

Description of the property :- (Details of Hypothecated assets and details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower/Guarantor/Co-Obligant), All that piece and Parcel of the House property bearing No.13, (Old No.11), PID No.27-69-13, situated at Plat Form Road, Raja Venkatarama Shetty Layout, Seshadripur, Gandhinagar, Ward No.27, Bangalore and in measuring on the East to West 50.00 feet and North to South (35.00+32.00)/2 feet, and in all measuring 1675.00 sq. ft. and bounded as follows: East: Property belongs to Sri Iyer, West: Road, North: Road, South: Property bearing No.10.

2. Name and Address of the Borrower: 1. Mr. Syed Abdul Haseeb S/o Late Ameer Hamza, No.91, Cock Burn Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560051.

(1) Account Number : IPL-841 Limit Amount : Rs.25,00,000/-

Out Standing Loan Amount :- Rs.22,17,069/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Sixty Nine Only) as on **30/11/2022** together with further interest thereon with effect from **01/12/2022** at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realisation.

Date of NPA: 01.06.2021 Demand Notice dtd: 29.12.2021 Branch: Chamrajpet

Description of the property :- (Details of Hypothecated assets and details of mortgaged properties of the Borrower/Guarantor/Co-Obligant), All that piece and Parcel of the House property bearing No.85/1, (Old No.91), PID No.91-2-85/1, situated at Madhavraya Mudaliar Road, Frazer Town, Pulakeshi Nagar, Ward No.91, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 35 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring 1050 sq. ft. and bounded as follows: East: Property bearing No.84, West: Property bearing No.86, North: Property bearing No.85 and Passage leading to M M Road, South: Smt. Zareena Paveen's Property, Built Area=About GF+FF+SF+TF= 870 sq. ft. for each floor, with RCC framed Structure.

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Date : 30.01.2023 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bengaluru The Hotel Industrialists Co-Op Bank Ltd.

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No: KBJNL/IBC/D-1/PB-1/Tender/2022-23/ 1090 Date:27-01-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL IBC Divn No-1 Kembhavi, the under signed invites tenders on 1). Construction of ayacut road from Yargal to Guttaragi Tanda Km 0.00 to 7.00 in Sindagi Tq Vijayapur Dist.(I.N 23467) tender amount Rs. 423.70 Lakhs EMD:7.50 Lakhs. 2). Construction of ayacut road from Km 0.00 to 8.50km Kokatanur to byakoda in Sindagi Tq Vijayapur Dist.(I.N 23468) tender amount Rs. 423.30 lakhs EMD: 7.50 Lakhs percentage basis from A valid Copy of class-I registration certificate of KPWD/PWD of any other state/KPWD/KBJNL categorization certificate (category -III & above). The tenderers are required to submit tenders in two cover system (The blank tenders can be obtained through website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and can be submitted through electronic tender box).

1) The contractors can request for e-tendering documents from **01-02-2023 to 09-02-2023** in the web site <http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in> / e-portal. 2) Last date for Submission of completed e-tendering documents will be 09-02-2023 upto 4.30 PM, 3) A pre-bid conference will be held on 06-02-2023 at 11.00 AM at the office of the Chief Engineer canal zone-2 Rampur. 4) Technical bid shall be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.IBC div no.1 Kembhavi on **13-02-2023 at 11.00 AM**. In respect of bidders whose tender fee has been confirmed on the e-Tendering platform. 5) Financial bid shall be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL.IBC div no.1 Kembhavi on **15-02-2023 at 11.00 AM**. In respect of bidders whose tender fee has been confirmed on the e-Tendering platform. 6) If any of the dates mentioned above happened to be a general holiday, the next working day holds good. 7) Conditional tenders are liable to be rejected. The officer competent to accept the tender shall have the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
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— Ramnath Goenka

CAN'T BRUSH MURDER ASIDE, ADDRESS TRUST DEFICIT IN ODISHA POLICE

Odisha Health Minister Naba Kishore Das' murder at the hands of a serving policeman is bad news for the state government. The shocking incident in Jharsuguda district exposed the gaping holes in the VVIP security system. The effortless ease with which someone could pull the trigger on a high-profile minister is likely to send shivers down the spine of most people because it came with absolutely no warning. What the murder does is make even the most powerful look very vulnerable, which is not a good sign so far as public perception goes. If this could happen to a leader as popular as Das, it could happen to anyone.

The security details of most VVIPs would certainly come under review after Sunday's incident. As Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik put it, it was a horrible tragedy. Make no mistake, this would leave a scar. The Odisha government has ordered the Crime Branch to get to the bottom of the matter, and only after the investigation is complete would one be in a better position to analyse the plot.

However, what is more disturbing is it was carried out by an on-duty policeman. The men in khaki, the protectors of the public and the high and mighty, are a disciplined force. That one of them decided, for whatever reasons, to target a minister in full public glare, is a first-of-its-kind event in the state. And it has, for sure, made a dent in the image of the State Police. As the investigation picks up pace, issues of the mental health of the accused policeman are coming under the scanner. The police across the country work under tremendous pressure, and there hardly exists any structural mechanism for their psychological evaluation, given the nature of their job and their ability to balance their professional and personal lives. In a command structure force, the relationship between the subordinates and their leadership is key to its efficiency and stability.

The current incident points to something amiss in Odisha's police system. Das' gruesome murder by a cop will only exacerbate the growing trust deficit of the general public in the police force. The real challenge will be to repair that image which would require the government to go beyond the outcome of the Crime Branch probe. Hence, instead of dealing with this as a one-off incident, the system should address the problem immediately.

U19 VICTORY SHOT IN ARM FOR WOMEN'S CRICKET

The beauty of sport is that it can make you weep both in victory and defeat, and Sunday was that day when those tears flowed in joy. The India U19 women's team completed a surreal T20 World Cup journey with their hands wrapped tightly around the winners' trophy. Captain Shafali Verma's tears after beating England in the final reflected the enormity of the achievement. A motley bunch of cricketers from different parts of the country and various societal backgrounds, they have their own stories of resilience, determination and defiance to narrate. Pacer Titas Sadhu is from Bengal, Soumya Tiwari is from Bhopal, G Trisha is from Hyderabad, and Archana Devi is from an Unnao village in Uttar Pradesh. Shafali, one of the youngest players to play T20 internationals for India, is from Rohtak. This is a healthy reflection of the growth of the sport too.

The triumph of the U19 team augurs well for the future too. It shows India has bench strength capable enough to fill the void when senior players retire. This is good news for the newly launched Women's Premier League too. The pool will be bigger, and WPL will give opportunities to those cricketers to pursue their dream in top-flight cricket. The victory couldn't have come at a better time. The T20 Women's World Cup begins in South Africa on February 10 and India is considered one of the favourites. There is no greater publicity for sport than winning. The rise of women's cricket is a testament to that very notion that revolves around sport and achievement.

The senior women have been beating teams they were struggling against earlier. They reached the final of the senior women's T20 World Cup in 2020 and won silver in the Commonwealth Games last year. Along came the riches too. Last week, the WPL teams were sold to five franchises for ₹4,669.99 crore. This is besides the ₹951 crore the Indian cricket board (BCCI) got from Viacom for broadcasting and digital rights. That is ₹7.09 crore per match. Adani Group made the highest bid in the team auction to secure the Ahmedabad team for ₹1,289 crore. The players' auction is yet to take place. With this victory, expect bigger bids for the bunch of teenage cricketers who were, until yesterday, unknown to the world. Would women's cricket soon start generating enough revenue to not depend on men's cricket anymore?

QUICK TAKE

PROHIBITIVE PROHIBITION

Bihar's defence of its prohibition policy is becoming untenable in the total absence of oversight. Illegal liquor consumption is rampant. Worse, there's no respect for the law with bootleggers, supported by villagers, brazenly attacking police teams—as had happened last week during an anti-smuggling crackdown. Liquor illegally enters Bihar nearly unchallenged. Ingredients for producing spurious liquor come in as sanitisers. Hooch deaths are more frequent. The government sees finger-pointing as a political conspiracy and even differs with the courts on lakhs of violators languishing in jails. It's time the government reviews the policy's rationale and efficacy as the costs escalate.

Tomorrow morning, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present Budget 2023 in Parliament. There is anticipation and there is hope. The stock markets will either go bullish or bearish. The Opposition will criticise the budget as always, while members of the ruling party will thump the desk with raucous approval—as they always do. Budget 2023 will be seen as a pre-election budget as nine states go to polls this year.

We must look at the budget as a journey and not an event. The budget journey of 2023 is one that started possibly with the first tenure of PM Narendra Modi in 2014. For the last nine years, every budget has delineated the policy that India will follow, putting forth its intent of expenditure and earning.

The many policy changes made en route were all really mini-budgets on their own. We have had many. These changes come time and again, invariably boosting the line of thinking that a government has to keep the nation on its fiscal track.

Since budget needs have been vociferously discussed over the last three months by all and sundry (industry bodies, prominent corporate entities and state governments to name a few), let me take a different route in this piece.

Since all is done and dusted, and the budget is a fait accompli tomorrow, let me fly a kite and lay out here a key vision as to what I think India's Budget 2023 must look like tomorrow. It's a dream. It's a fantasy even. But then who knows: sometimes dreams have a way of coming true.

Here's my dream. I do believe we need a budget that is different from them all. We need a green budget. A budget that lays out every tenet of development with a green flag next to it. A green flag that insists that every action is dictated by the green mandate. In many ways, India has a date to keep (as indeed the entire world does) by 2070. We need to save the Earth, and India needs to lead. If India doesn't, who would or possibly could?

As we focus on the core sectors of the economy and the well-being of our people, the foundation for every course of action or expenditure must be the green mandate. Out here, the key question to ask is if what we are doing is contributing to the mess of pollution—be it air, water, land and indeed the Earth itself. Or, is it instead going to help reverse it all?

To that extent, the budget of my dreams

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BUDGET 2023: GOING GREEN NOT A COST BUT AN INVESTMENT

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would be a decarbonisation budget. A budget that lays out a distinct route for India to take, as it helps reverse the excesses on the planet. Sadly, the supra-developed nations, emboldened by their greed, are the ones who have done this to the planet. Unsurprisingly, the US and China have been the two biggest contributors of greenhouse gases; the two also rank the highest in terms of GDP. As India joins the race to usurp third place, we cannot run it as has been run by the developed nations. We need to do it differently.

The years ahead are going to be India's decades. The India story is one that is being

discussed passionately by one and all. India is today a talking point among nations across the world. If we are to remain a talking point, we need to be perceived as a responsible nation. A nation that cares not only for itself and its growth, but for all the nations on Earth, and most importantly, the Earth itself. I do believe this is a white space to occupy. A white space to paint green with intent and action. Actions that will be seen by the world at large to be responsible, rooted in reality, and fixated on the needs of the Earth.

The budget tomorrow must then be a green budget. This is the year when India's

G20 PRESIDENCY IS EDUCATION'S WATERSHED MOMENT

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style showcase to the world through the G20 EdWG. This legacy asset of India is a gold mine of knowledge that can be shared with the world as a leader by practice and not as a preacher. No country in the G20 can boast of such a civilisational continuum that's enriched in knowledge and practised as a lifestyle, not by law but by respect for values.



ALLEN EGENSE

The universalisation of the functional Indian lifestyle and its relationship with nature is one of the significant contributions that India can make to the EdWG

Unfortunately, this never gets highlighted in an international forum for purposes dominated by conventional dimensions of global education covering literacy learning outcomes, infrastructure, gross enrolment, STEM education, research and innovation, etc. With India making significant progress in these areas in the last decade, the universalisation of the functional Indian lifestyle and its relationship with nature is one of the significant contributions that India can make to the EdWG. Undoubtedly, other EdWG members shall be net knowledge gainers during India's G20 Presidency.

India's progress, as measured by the growing budgetary allocations for education, gross enrolment ratio, entrepreneurship and innovation outcome, capacity building in skill and vocational education, patents and publications, etc., is symptomatic of India's qualitative rise in the education sector. The NEP 2020, which will accelerate this rise, is a global game changer. Results of the same can be visible in India's indigenous contribution to 5G, campus-grown startups, super-computer and emerging technologies, etc. India's collaborative

engagement with universities worldwide underwent a complete change from being a consumer of benevolence till 2014 to a contributor with relevance since then. Schemes like SPARC, GIAN, VAJRA, etc., provided Indian grants for foreign university resources to visit India in the spirit of knowledge mobility, sharing and transfer of best practices. While these shall also be a subject matter of discussion at the EdWG, the growing geopolitical concern for environmental sustainability and livelihood is undoubtedly a key agenda.

The circular economy is driven by sustainable development and environmentally conscious production and consumption of products and services. The fundamental functional principles of the circular economy have to be a part of the future work-life-style balance to double the current levels of global circularity, which is at 8%. Global sustainability assets, projected to be USD53 trillion by 2025, necessitate high levels of institutional awareness through various teaching and training programmes and research. With a sixth of global humanity, 30% of the world cattle population, 8% of global bio-resources, and only 2.4% of the global land area, Indian environmental and lifestyle mechanisms combined with its tenacity to harmonise various interests through a pluralistic and consultative society is India's gift to the world.

Enlightened vigilantism and Empowered University engagement should be the twin-powered engine for sustainable growth. Like PM Modi's Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE), India can lead the world with many such bright spots. The digital backbone powering India's rural prosperity is another bright spot that ensures environmental compatibility, shifting from the mindless, environment-damaging urbanisation. Such leadership potential is hence India's responsibility to universalise or rationalise civilisational values and lifestyle mechanisms to globalise its strengths and pull the world out of an impending cataclysm. India's progressive STEM education and rooted ethos as a nation are EdWG's blessing in abundance. This backdrop for G20's EdWG is not only reflective of the ideas of Swami Vivekananda and Mahatma Gandhi whose time has come, but also India's watershed moment for its education.

(Views are personal)

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A new life after sin

Renuka Narayanan's Faithline column on Mondays is a good start to the week for readers. The two stories described in the column, *Turning away from tamas and taking the path of light* (Jan 30), point out that a person can attain salvation despite his/her unworthy deeds in the past if he/she seeks God with perseverance. God blesses those who repent for their sins. We look forward to such moral messages with enthusiasm. **K Jayanthi, Chennai**

Embracing the good

Apropos of *Turning away from tamas and taking the path of light* (Jan 30), Renuka Narayanan has made it very clear that even a moment's association with a good, pious and saintly person could transform one's whole life for the better. Our scriptures abound with stories similar to Yogmaya and Charandas, and the columnist has narrated it well. It reminds one of *Tamaso Ma Jyotir Gamaya* (Lead us from darkness to light). **G Nataraja Perumal, email**

When the protector harms

The shocking incident of the Odisha health minister being shot by a policeman deserves to be looked into with all seriousness. The assailant's wife's claim that he was suffering from mental disease for which he is being treated, calls for thorough screening of cops whose duty involves safeguarding VIPs. **Dr George Jacob, Kochi**

Mystery motives

Apropos of *Odisha health minister shot by policeman, dies* (Jan 30). This is astonishing and it is unclear why he did what he did. One reason for the act could have been his mental health issues. If his symptoms had been treated, this unfortunate incident may have been prevented. **Merinth, email**

Saving the judiciary

The veteran advocate Kapil Sibal has rightly warned in *We the people must never let freedom die* (Jan 30) about the danger of an attack on our democracy. The only institution yet to be captured by the ruling class is the judiciary. We must rise and fight against this ruling class which wants to crush democracy. **L Prabhakaran, Pudukkottai**

U19 women wow all

It was a superb performance from the Indian women's team, helping them covet the inaugural women's U19 World Cup title. The English buckled under the pressure from the remarkable and accurate Indian bowling. Chasing a paltry 68, India gave the coup de grace in style notwithstanding the loss of a few early wickets. Hopefully this emphatic win will be a morale booster for women's cricket in India. **Dileep D Anand, email**



TWEETS
OF THE
DAY



Sachin Pilot @SachinPilot
I pay my heartfelt tribute to the Father of the Nation on his martyrdom day. Bapu's principles and thoughts showed a new path to India and world.



Sanjay Singh AAP @SanjayAzadSin
Modi gave a loan of ₹2.5 lakh crore to his friend Adani. I had said in the Parliament that "Modi government is a slave of capitalists".



Nitin Gadkari @nitin_gadkari
Covering a distance of 1,450 km, the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway is a true example of world-class highway construction.

'Will bring Muslims in dev agenda of Modi govt'

In a 4-month-long programme, BJP Minority Morcha will reach out to 60 minority-dominated Lok Sabha constituencies

The BJP's minorities wing is currently engaged in a massive outreach drive, identifying 60 minority-dominated Lok Sabha constituencies across the country where the party will directly interact with such communities, the Pasmanda (the 'left out'/backward) Muslims, in particular. That's quite an effort given the perception as well as the projection of the party's adversaries about the party's image. "Neither the BJP nor does the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) nurture enmity or hatred towards Muslims. They want welfare of the marginalised people belonging to the Pasmanda and other minority communities," **Jamal Siddiqui**, national president of the BJP Minority Morcha, tells **Rajesh Kumar Thakur** in an interview.

Excerpts:

What's the current campaign of the party's Minority Morcha about?
The BJP is a party that works for everyone's development irrespective of caste and religion. The BJP's Minority Morcha has planned a comprehensive four-month-long outreach programme across 60 minority-dominated Lok Sabha constituencies across the coun-

try. We will be meeting people belonging to minority communities, including Muslim Pasmandas, and inform them about the Modi government's welfare schemes for their all-round development.

The outreach programme is due to begin after February 10. This will be preceded by an in-depth discussion at the national executive meeting of the Minority Morcha in Chhattisgarh, due February 1 and 2. We will identify 5,000 prominent minority community members, including spiritual leaders and mentors' unions. They will be informed about the government's development schemes.

Which states are you focusing on?

We have a comprehensive outreach schedule for 60 identified minority-dominated LS constituencies. There are 13 Lok Sabha seats each in UP and West Bengal to be covered by us. Besides, there are 10 LS constituencies identified by us in Kerala that have a strong presence of minority communities, including Muslims.

In the Lok Sabha constituency of Rahul Gandhi (Wayanad), the Morcha will be conducting a wider outreach programme. Similarly, we have identified J&K's five LS constituencies --



Baramulla, Anantnag, Srinagar, Ladakh and Udhampur.

The general perception is that the BJP and RSS are anti-Muslim...

It is a totally wrong assumption. It is a politically motivated propaganda fuelled by the Opposition to mislead the minority communities. Neither BJP nor does the RSS nurture enmity or hatred towards the Muslims or any other minority community. They want inclusive development and that's why the PM has decided to bring changes to the lives of Pasamanda Muslims and other poor and marginalised sections.

I am a Muslim; I never faced discrimination or hatred. The RSS chief encourages us to serve the people of minority communities.

Who will you specifically interact with during the outreach programme?

The PM has directed us to meet Sufi saints, influential people of minority communities, including Pasmandas and Bohras, and traders. The PM has also told us that "India will not develop until every section is developed. So, our objective is to bring everyone in the mainstream of development and not use them for electoral gains only. This outreach is not meant to garner minority votes but to link them with economic and social development.

Is there any plan to explore potential leadership among the Muslim youth?

The BJP is not untouchable to anyone as evident in the recent elections in UP and Gujarat. What all communities want is development, equality and safety. The BJP has been promoting representation of Muslims in the party. The party has many leaders like Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and others. I also get equal participation in the party. But, yes, the Minority Morcha has started exploring potential leadership among the Muslim youth.

The BJP has not given nomination to Muslims in many elections...

Those who blame the BJP for not giving the party ticket to Muslims are perhaps unaware

of our party's criteria of giving nominations in any election. A deserving candidate can be decided on the winnability factor: Castes and other factors do come in. The fact is that the BJP accords equal value to Muslims.

Congress and others often accuse PM Modi of neglecting the Muslims and other minority communities...

The Congress is a misled party. If the party wants to compete with Modi-ji, then you will have to talk about development. The PM has done a lot of hard work and has brought Indian politics into developmental mode; he has freed the people from the grips of 'parivard' (dynasty) and 'Jativad' (casteism). Rahul Gandhi has made himself a laughing stock. I see him misleading the youth through Bharat Jodo Yatra. The Congress holds a record of communal riots. We know what had happened in Muzaffarnagar and Moradabad (Uttar Pradesh) riots during the Congress regime. If they continue to raise Gujarat riots to create hatred among people, we will have to speak about other riots that took place in the Congress rule.

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BJP OBC Morcha to campaign against 'politics of casteism'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

WITH an eye on the Assembly elections in nine states scheduled for this year, the OBC Morcha of BJP adopted political resolutions at its two-day national executive which concluded on Monday.

The meeting, held at Gurugram in Haryana, was held after wide deliberations on various issues and activities of Morcha.

OBC Morcha national general secretary Dr Nikhil Anand said the Morcha will launch a special campaign in all the nine poll-bound states - Tripura, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Karnataka, Mizoram, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh - to expose the parties doing "politics of casteism" in the name of social justice and politics of religious appeasement in the name of secularism.

He further said that the BJP OBC Morcha will soon launch the 'Ghar Ghar Chalo, Gaon Gaon Chalo' campaign.

"Under which, the organisation will reach out to the common people sitting at the last line. The BJP OBC Morcha is determined to leave no stone unturned to ensure that Modi ji is again the PM of India in



'Only govt to show genuine interest'

Giving constitutional status to the NCBC, reservation to the OBC in NEET and including 27 ministers from the OBC in the Cabinet, the Modi government has shown genuine interest for the betterment of OBCs in the country, Morcha's national president and Rajya Sabha MP Dr K Laxman said.

2024 with a big majority", he said. Morcha's national president and Rajya Sabha MP Dr K Laxman said, "After the independence, for the first time the OBC society of India has become a participant in policy-making, development planning and its implementation ensuring its 100 per cent success at the ground level."

CPM seeks high-level probe into allegations against Adani Group

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPIM) has sought a Supreme Court monitored high-level inquiry to look into allegations levelled by Hindenburg Research against the Adani Group. A statement issued by the Central Committee of the party on Monday said that till this inquiry is completed and 'truth' is known, the interests of India and people must be protected. The US-based investment research firm, Hindenburg, earlier this week, released a report and alleged that the Adani Group had "engaged in a brazen stock manipulation and accounting fraud scheme over the course of decades". The Adani group has, however, refuted the charges.

The CPIM has further expressed concern over loss to Life Insurance of India (LIC) and State Bank of India (SBI) after the Hindenburg report, which sparked a \$51-billion sell-off in shares of the group companies

over two trading sessions. "Around Rs 80,000 crore of LIC are invested in Adani companies and 40 per cent of all loans taken by the group from national banks are through the SBI. Both the LIC and the SBI are institutions where crores of Indians park their lifelong savings for their future security. Since this report became public, Adani groups capitalization in the stock market dropped by over \$50 billion. This cannot lead to the ruination of people's lifelong savings in these public sector institutions," said the party.

It further added that the CPIM would coordinate with other secular opposition parties and raise this issue in the forthcoming budget session of the Parliament. Attacking the BJP led government at the Centre, the party called for a nationwide protest from February 22 to February 28 against the continuing assaults on the peoples' livelihood with growing unemployment, poverty and inequalities.

Adani row & BBC docu in focus at all-party meet, Oppn seeks debate

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

THE Hindenburg-Adani controversy, ban on the BBC documentary on Gujarat riots, and China's aggression along the LAC remained in focus in the all-party meeting convened on Monday, with the Opposition parties demanding discussions on the issues in the parliament.

The women's reservation bill, caste census, and interventions by governors in some states were also raised by the Opposition. The customary all-party meeting was convened by the government to seek the support of the Opposition in running the Houses smoothly on the eve of the Budget session, which starts on Tuesday. RJD leader and Rajya Sabha member Manoj Jha raised the stock market controversy related to the Adani group, describing it as a critical issue related to the country's economy. AAP MP Sanjay Singh and parliamentarians of other parties like the DMK and the Left supported Jha's views.

They in unison asked the government why it was delaying an inquiry by the Central Bureau of Investigation or the Enforcement Directorate into the



Pralhad Joshi, Arjun Ram Meghwal and TRS leaders Nama Nageshwar Rao and K Keshava Rao before an all-party meeting in New Delhi on Monday | PTI

Hindenburg row. The Opposition also brought up the issue of the ban on the BBC documentary, asking the government what it would gain by curbing its broadcast. TMC MPs Sudip Bandhopadhyay and Sukhendu Sekhar Ray demanded a discussion on the ban. BJD MP Sasmita Patra made a case for the women's reservation bill, which was supported by other Opposition parties.

The BSP raised a demand for discussion in the parliament on the Chinese aggression. However, the government said that some matters related to the country's security cannot be

discussed on the floor of the parliament. YSR Congress MP Vijay Sai Reddy sought a national caste-based economic census to ascertain the status of backward castes. The demand for caste census got support from other parties like JD(U), RJD, TMC and BJD. Later, speaking to the media after the meeting, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi said the government has expressed its willingness to discuss every issue under the rules in the parliament. "We have sought the support of the Opposition in running the proceedings smoothly. The meeting was cordial," he said.

Yoga break to de-stress govt employees; notice to download app

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

NOTING that Yoga at workplace helps in reducing stress and increases efficiency, the Central government has decided to give a renewed push to popularise the ancient fitness regime among its employees.

The Ministry of Ayush has written to all ministries and their affiliated departments to spread awareness and encourage their staff to practice Yoga through the Ministry's Y-Break protocol/mobile application.

The ministry has also suggested training institutions to inculcate the protocol in their training curriculum. In a letter written to all ministries and departments, Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary, Ayush Ministry, said that Y-Break Protocol/App is aimed to help refresh, de-stress, and refocus the staff to enhance their efficiency

and productivity at work.

"The app is available on Google Play Store, Apple store and videos are on YouTube channels of the ministry of Ayush and Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY). The Yoga protocol has also been very relevant and fruitful during Covid and post-Covid times for rehabilitation of the health of public... I therefore request to kindly popularise and propagate the app among all the government employees in various ministries, departments, and offices," read the communiqué. In September 2021, the Centre had introduced the concept of the short duration protocol Y-Break for people at workplaces.

The Ayush ministry had designed and developed five minutes duration yoga protocol - Y-break and the module was launched in January 2020.



UNGA PRESIDENT

'Seeking an ally in India for UN reform'

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

IN India we are seeking an ally which will support us in the process of transformation of the UN through reforms which will bring about great changes in the UN, said UNGA 77th session President, Csaba Korosi on his first visit to India.

"During my interaction with PM Modi we spoke about India's contribution in the UN reform process. Discussions also took place around humanitarian aid as the world is reeling under the worst food and energy crisis," Korosi said adding that he was hopeful that India would become a permanent UN member.

"Happy to welcome Csaba Korosi on his first visit to India. Reaffirmed India's commitment to multilateralism, including at the UN. We discussed the importance of conserving and optimizing global water resources and welcomed his support for G20 India," said PM Modi.

SC agrees to hear petition against ban on BBC docu series

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear on February 6 pleas challenging Centre's decision to ban BBC documentary titled 'India the Modi Question' on the 2002 Gujarat riots, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijju questioned the motive and objective of the petitioners senior journalist N Ram, advocate Prashant Bhushan & TMC MP Mahua Moitra.

Taking to Twitter, Rijju said, "This is how they waste the precious time of Hon'ble Supreme Court where thousands of common citizens are waiting and seeking dates for Justice."

Remarking that India has moved much beyond the colonial mindset, he said, "For how long the false propaganda can sustain? The matter is settled & set aside by the highest court of India. What is the motive of these kinds of people? What is their objective? Is the Supreme

Court of India supreme or BBC? India has moved much beyond this colonial mindset," he said.

The pleas that have been also been filed by serial litigant ML Sharma, were mentioned before the bench led by CJI DY Chandrachud.

Appearing for N Ram, advocate Prashant Bhushan and TMC MP, senior advocate CU Singh told the bench that TMC MP Mahua Moitra and advocate Prashant Bhushan's tweets were taken down by the Centre. Singh further stated that the Centre has not yet formally publicised the blocking order and that there were reports of suspension of students from campuses.

ML Sharma in his plea has also sought for examining the documentary. He has also sought for taking actions against persons involved directly or indirectly in Gujarat riots.

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'Defer hearing of plea against border pact'

The Apex Court has requested Meghalaya HC to defer the hearing in a case related to the memorandum of understanding between Assam and Meghalaya with respect to demarcation of physical land boundaries between the two states by two weeks. "HC staying an understanding between two chief ministers is unprecedented," the CJI remarked.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Notice on bail plea of convicts in Guj riots

The SC issued a notice in plea filed by convicts in the Godhra riots case seeking bail. Appearing for one of the convicts, senior advocate Sanjay Hegde argued that they've been in jail for over 20 years. Objecting to it, SG Tushar Mehta for Gujarat govt said that the case needed to be heard. "When you lock a bogey with 59 passengers and pelt stones, it is not just stone pelting," Mehta said.

Changes in law can't be ground to recall order

Questioning Centre's application to recall the direction passed in September 2021 which prevented the extension of the tenure of the Director of Enforcement Directorate Sanjay Kumar Mishra beyond November 16, 2021, SC on Monday said that subsequent legislative change cannot be a ground for recalling or modifying an earlier judgement or order.

Govt questions Teesta Setalvad's locus standi

OBJECTING to the locus of social activist Teesta Setalvad's NGO 'Citizens for Justice and Peace' (CJP) of challenging provisions of anti-conversion laws regulating religious conversions due to interfaith marriages passed by various states including Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Himachal

Pradesh, the Central government on Monday informed the SC that Setalvad under the guise of serving public interest, deliberately undertakes, and consciously and surreptitiously espouses, divisive politics in an attempt to divide the society on religious and communal lines.

Attorney General for India R Venkataramani also submitted that he has "serious objections" to the Supreme Court hearing the pleas challenging state legislations, bypassing the High Courts. Considering AG's submissions, CJI said that the objections will be considered on Friday.

Hate speech probe 'almost ready'

Delhi Police on Monday informed the SC that the final report in the hate speech case over the Hindu Yuva Vahini event organised by Sudarshan News TV editor Suresh Chavhanke in Delhi in December 2021 is "almost ready". ASG KM Nataraj also told the bench led by CJI DY Chandrachud that Chavhanke's voice sample will be recorded by Forensic Science Laboratory on March 17, 2023 pursuant to which the recording will be compared with the video/audio downloaded from YouTube. Referring to the contents of the affidavit that has been filed pursuant to SCs order dated Jan 13, 2023 Nataraj also said the investigation is being conducted "fairly" & "without any bias." Considering the submissions, the bench asked Delhi Police to further file an affidavit indicating the status of investigation and also apprise the court of the preventive steps taken. Court's order came in a plea preferred by social activist and Mahatma Gandhi's great grandson Tushar Gandhi.

The heart from a 34-year-old brain dead man in Madhya Pradesh's Indore was flown to Pune in a special plane of the Indian Army on Monday to be transplanted to a soldier suffering from a heart ailment, an official said.



INDIA	Max	Min	Mumbai	Max	Min
Ahmedabad	28	15		32	23
Bhopal	27	09	Panaji	29	22
Jaipur	22	09	Patna	27	14
Amitratar	20	06	Lucknow	24	10
Chennai	30	25	Port Blair	30	25
Kolkata	30	19	Imphal	29	09
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Soren says Guv wish on domicile bill won't work

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

DISAPPOINTED over Jharkhand Governor Ramesh Bais asking to review the legality of 1932 Khatian-based Local Policy Bill-2022, Chief Minister Hemant Soren said that things will not happen according to the governor; instead things will happen according to what the government wants in this state.

Addressing a public meeting at Saraikela-Kharsawan during 'Khatiyani Johar Yatra,' Soren said that such things are being witnessed in other states also, wherever there is non-BJP government.

Notably, amid the yatra, the Governor Bais on Sunday returned 1932 Khatian-based Local Policy Bill-2022 passed by Jharkhand Assembly, asking it to review its legality in accordance with the Constitution and Supreme Court orders.

"This is not happening only

in Jharkhand, but also in several other states where BJP is not in power. They are being troubled through governors. But, I would like to warn the opposition parties that this is not New Delhi, J&K or Andaman and Nicobar. This is Jharkhand where the government has been elected by the Adivasi-Moolwasi of the state," said Soren.

Governors should rather tell people which state has not formulated rules to ensure jobs for the local youths, he added. "They are saying that the bill passed by us is unconstitutional, which means that the government elected by 3.25 crore people of this state are fools," said the CM.

Soren also asked whether giving jobs to the locals on priority basis is unconstitutional as it is being said that the government should not bring such a bill, which would create controversy.



INDORE

Law student held for filming court hearing on Bajrang Dal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

A young female law student Sonu Mansoori, held by police from one of the courtrooms in Indore District Court premises on Saturday for posing as an advocate and clicking pictures/videos during trial of a case (in which Bajrang Dal men are accused) is linked to the banned Popular Front of India (PFI), the Madhya Pradesh home minister Narottam Mishra said on Monday.

"A case has already been registered against her. In her statement to the police, she has stated about furnishing updates and details about trial of such cases to the PFI and Peace Party. Cash totaling ₹1.25 lakh has been seized from her possession, the source of the seized money is being tracked. It's also being further probed why she was present in the courtroom and filming pictures and visuals during the trial of a case. All these related aspects are being probed by police," Mishra said in Bhopal.

She was shooting videos in the court in a case pertaining to raising religiously provocative slogans by Bajrang Dal during the January 25 protests against Pathaan in Indore. Four Bajrang Dal men were arrested.



SPORT CELEBRATIONS
Union minister for youth affairs and sports Anurag Singh Thakur at the inaugural ceremony of 13-day Khelo India Youth Games 2022 in Bhopal on Monday | TWITTER

Resignations of 81 MLAs were not voluntary: Raj Assembly secy to HC

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

RAJASTHAN Assembly secretary Mahavir Prasad Sharma has informed the high court that the resignations of 81 pro-Ashok Gehlot MLAs, who put in their papers on September 25 last year, were not voluntary. He also said that it was he who recommended withdrawal of resignations to Speaker CP Joshi and that is why they were not accepted.

Sharma has presented the

complete details of 81 MLAs before the Rajasthan High Court, which is hearing a plea filed by deputy leader of Opposition and BJP leader Rajendra Rathore.

"The MLAs, while requesting to withdraw individually, had clearly stated that there was no voluntary resignation. All the MLAs had done so under Rule 173 (4) of the Procedure and Conduct of Business of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly. This is not a matter of 10th Schedule,



Didi calls on Amartya Sen to express solidarity on Univ land row, accords Z-plus cover

PRONAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

TWO days after Visva Bharati, a Central university, directed Nobel laureate Amartya Sen to return part of a plot where his residence is located in Santiniketan, saying he was occupying it illegally, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee called on him to express solidarity and announced Z-plus security cover for him.

Mamata and her nephew Abhishek Banerjee are the only other persons in the state with Z-plus security.

During her visit to Birbhum on Monday, Mamata met Sen at his residence and also gave him the original records of his land that were in the government's possession.

"People of Bengal are unhappy with the way Nobel laureate has been humiliated. Allegations of land grabbing against him (Sen) are baseless. It is an



Record paddy procurement has Cong, BJP claiming credit

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

CHHATTISGARH has created a new record on paddy procurement, with the state collecting 107 lakh tonne of the grain in the current kharif season. The state, known as rice bowl, procured 97.97 lakh tonnes of paddy from around 22 lakh farmers last year. The state government had raised the target to 110 lakh tonnes for the ongoing paddy procurement.

Around 24.96 lakh farmers registered themselves for selling their paddy at the minimum support price. So far, ₹2,037 crore have been paid online directly into the bank accounts of farmers. The state government under its Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana procures paddy at ₹2,500 per quintal. This year, the number of procurement centres in the state has gone up to 2,617.

Paddy procurement, which started on November 1 last year, will continue till January 31 this year. In all likelihood, the collection will surpass the target of 110 lakh tonne.

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

THE TIPRA Motha party will contest 42 of the 60 seats in Tripura Assembly in the upcoming elections. The party released its third list of 12 candidates on the last day of filing of nominations on Monday. The first list had the names of 20 candidates while the second one, released on Sunday night, contained 10 names. The TIPRA Motha is influential in the 20 seats reserved for the Scheduled Tribes in the tribal areas, which make up two-thirds of Tripura.

The 22 general seats, where it has fielded candidates, have small tribal populations. The party's prominent candidates include former BJP legislator Ashish Das, former Congress MLA Tapas De, former Indigenous People's Front of Tripura (IPFT) MLAs Dhananjay Tripura and Brishaketu Debbarma, rebel leader-turned-politician Ranjit Debbarma and former Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council leader Hongso Kumar Tripura.

No one from the state's royal family, including TIPRA Motha chief Pradyot Manikya Deb-



barma, is contesting. Debbarma, who rose through the ranks in the Congress and served as its state president earlier, said the TIPRA Motha would fight for "Greater Tripaland" state.

The party demands the creation of the separate state for the Tiprasa (Tripura's ethnic communities) through the bifurcation of the state's tribal areas. "We will keep fighting for our constitutional demand (Greater Tripaland). If we can achieve it, development will automatically come (in the tribal areas)," Debbarma said on Monday.

The TIPRA Motha is going alone in the polls after its talks with the BJP for an alliance

'TIPRA Motha is going alone in the polls'

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Debbarma had also wanted BJP ally IPFT to merge with the TIPRA Motha. The idea was to thwart the division of tribal votes and make things difficult for the BJP. However, the saffron party managed to thwart the attempt. It forged a pre-poll alliance with the IPFT in the last election. Meanwhile, MLA Atul Debbarma resigned from the Assembly and the BJP after he was denied a ticket. The physician-turned-politician is the sixth BJP legislator to quit the party in the past year.

EXPRESS READ

Central team reviews mid-day meal scheme

KOLKATA: A 13-member central team on Monday started a review of the midday meal scheme in schools in West Bengal, a senior official said. The officials, who are scheduled to conduct their review till February 6 visited several schools on Monday.

Stones pelted at my car in Bihar: Kushwaha

PATNA: Disgruntled JD(U) chief Upendra Kushwaha, who recently raised a banner of revolt against Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, on Monday alleged that his car was pelted with stones in Bhojpur district of the state on his official Twitter handle.

Run-up to '24: Nitish says he'll prefer to die than tie up with BJP

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

A day after BJP in-charge of Bihar Vinod Tawde said the party's doors were permanently closed for Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar, the JD(U) leader hit back asserting he would prefer to die rather than join the saffron party.

Talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function organised on Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary, Nitish said: "When I was with the grand alliance, BJP had implicated RJD chief Lalu Prasad and Tejashwi Prasad Yadav in false cases. Now, when Tejashwi is back with me, they are doing the same."

The CM said the present BJP was unlike its older version as the present generation party leaders had created a new party. Even old BJP leaders also held the same view, he added. Lashing out at the present dispensation at the Centre for 'prachar-prashar (propaganda) renaming places and doing away with long-held practices such as a separate budget for the railways. "We were in favour of the leader-

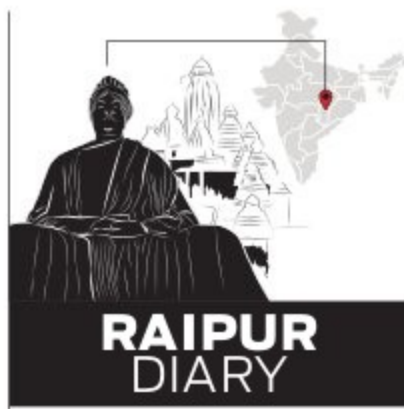
Cong-Left pact means nothing, says Himanta

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

ASSAM Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday downplayed the Congress-Left alliance in election-bound Tripura, alluding it to a combination of two "zeros".

"Zero and zero is zero. The Congress is zero country-wide while the Communists are zero world-wide. So, for us, there is nothing to be worried about," Sarma told journalists in Agartala, flanked by his Tripura counterpart Manik Saha.

The BJP is facing a challenge this election but the Assam CM exuded confidence the party would better its 2018 results. It had won 36 of the 60 seats in the last election and formed a coalition government with ally Indigenous People's Front of Tripura which bagged 8 seats. They forged a pre-poll alliance this election. Tripura will go to elections on February 16.



RAIPUR DIARY

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'Collegium system best for appointing judges'

The Preamble of Indian Constitution has always been cited as the defining document for the judges. On the ongoing debate regarding the Centre v/s Judiciary in reference to the Collegium system, former Supreme Court judge and ex-CJ of Chhattisgarh HC Deepak Gupta narrated that there is no better alternative than the existing system but it is the constitutional principles that needs to reign supreme. He observed that though 'will of the people' is the cornerstone, one needs to analyse where any government really represent the 'Will of the People' in a true sense.



Millet cafe finds mention in PM's speech

Chhattisgarh's first 'Millet Cafe' in Raigarh that was reported by this Daily, evidently caught the attention of the Prime Minister Office (PMO). PM Narendra Modi, who has been advocating to popularise the inherent benefits of the nutrients, praised the Raigarh Millet Cafe in his radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat' last Sunday when he urged the audience to visit the Cafe, if in Raigarh, run by the women self-help group (SHG) and relish the rich taste of nutritious food served there. The UN has declared 2023 as 'International Year of Millets' under the ambition propagated by the Indian government.

Youth fest highlights state's diversity

Chhattisgarh is again portrayed as a land of cultural diversity during the ongoing state-level youth festival. The occasion witnessed dance performances, food cuisines and customs of the state. Artists of different age groups from across the state are performing in traditional costumes. The audience were moved by the costumes of forest dwellers and fisherwomen. The state has been encouraging artists to showcase their unique culture, tradition on the platforms and are making efforts to evolve scope to promote cultural exchanges.

U'khand tableau wins top prize in R-Day parade

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

EVEN as unease continues in the state due to the sinking of land in Joshimath, Uttarakhand got a reason to cheer on Monday. The state's tableau bagged the top spot for the first time at the Republic Day Parade this year. The tableaux of Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh stood second and third, respectively.

The Army's Punjab Regiment Centre contingent was declared the best marching contingent among the three services, while the Indian Air Force won the first spot in the online public poll conducted by MyGov. From among Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and other auxiliary forces, the Central Reserve Police Force was named as the best marching contingent.

The Uttarakhand tableau, titled Manaskhand, depicted the proposed Manaskhand corridor project that will link all major temples of the Kumaon region and develop them along the lines of the Char Dham in the Garhwal region. It showcased the famous Jageshwar Temple, besides other elements like the rich wildlife of the state. Maharashtra and Uttar



(From left) Tableaux of Uttarakhand, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh at the Republic Day parade

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Pradesh had also created their presentations with a religious theme. Maharashtra presented the three-and-a-half Shakti-peeths of Adishakti — the Mahalakshmi Temple of Kolhapur, Sri Kshetra Tuljapur of Tuljavarhavan, Renukadevi of Mahur, and Saptshringeri Devi of Vani. The tableau of Uttar Pradesh showcased the three-day Deepotsava celebrated in Ayodhya.

Congratulating the people of the state, Uttarakhand Chief

Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami tweeted, "This achievement is a proud moment for all of us. Garhwal has been described as Kedarkhand and Kumaon as 'Manaskhand' in the Skanda Purana.

Jageshwar Temple too has a lot of religious belief." Gujarat won the first spot in an online public poll conducted by MyGov, for its tableau on green energy. The second spot went to Uttar Pradesh, followed by Ma-

harashtra. "Three panels of judges were appointed for assessing the performance of marching contingents from three Services, marching contingents from Central Armed Police Forces and other auxiliary forces and tableaux" said the ministry of defence.

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Security officials and rescue workers search for bodies at the site of suicide bombing, in Peshawar on Monday | AFP

'Blast took place seconds after imam started prayer'

Pakistan Taliban target mosque in Peshawar's high-security zone

PESHAWAR

POLICE officers were among at least 61 killed and 150 wounded in a blast at a mosque inside a highly sensitive Pakistan police headquarters on Monday, prompting the government to put the country on high alert.

The attack happened during afternoon worship in the provincial capital of Peshawar, close to former tribal areas along the Afghan border where militancy has been steadily rising. A frantic rescue mission was underway at the mosque, which had an entire wall and some of its roof blown out by the force of the blast.

"Many policemen are buried under the rubble," said Peshawar police chief Muhammad Ijaz Khan, who estimated between 300 and 400 officers usually attended prayers at the mosque.

"Efforts are being made to get them out safely," he added.

Bloodied survivors emerged limping from the wreckage, while bodies were ferried away in ambulances as the rescue operation continued. "It's an emergency situation," Muham-

Boat tragedy toll hits 30

The rescue workers on Monday recovered 13 more bodies of the students who had drowned in a lake when their boat capsized on Sunday in northwest Pakistan, taking the death toll to 30, according to a police official

mad Asim Khan, a spokesman for the main hospital in Peshawar, told AFP.

As darkness fell, at least four men were still trapped in the wreckage, visible through cracks in the concrete, alongside bodies yet to be recovered. "We have given them oxygen so that they don't have problems in breathing," said Bilal Ahmad Faizi, a spokesperson for the rescue organisation 1122.

The police headquarters in Peshawar is in one of the most tightly controlled areas of the city, housing intelligence and counter-terrorism bureaus, and is next door to the regional secretariat. Provinces around the country announced they were on high alert after the blast, with checkpoints ramped up and extra security forces deployed, while in the capital Is-

lamabad snipers were deployed on buildings and at city entrance points. "Terrorists want to create fear by targeting those who perform the duty of defending Pakistan," said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in a statement. "Those fighting against Pakistan will be wiped out from the face of earth."

Officers said the blast came from the second row of worshippers, with bomb disposal teams probing the possibility of a suicide attack.

Shahid Ali, a policeman who survived, said the explosion took place seconds after the imam started prayers.

"I saw black smoke rising to the sky. I ran out to save my life," the 47-year-old told AFP. "The screams of the people are still echoing in my mind," he added. "People were screaming for help."

The security situation in Pakistan has deteriorated since the return of the Afghan Taliban in Kabul. Islamabad has accused the new rulers of failing to secure their mountainous border, allowing militants to travel back and forth without being detected.

Germany's economy tanks in Q4, sparking recession fear

BERLIN

GERMANY'S economy unexpectedly shrank at the end of 2022 due to the fallout from the war in Ukraine, official data showed on Monday, adding to worries it could be on the brink of recession.

Europe's top economy contracted 0.2% in the October to December period compared to the previous quarter, according to preliminary figures from statistics authority Destatis.

Analysts from financial data firm Factset had been expecting zero growth, while Destatis said earlier this month the economy stagnated in the fourth quarter. For the whole of 2022, the German economy grew 1.8%, the data showed, a revision from an earlier figure of 1.9%.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and subsequent move to slash crucial gas supplies, triggered an energy crisis in industrial powerhouse Germany, and sent food and electricity costs soaring. But after massive government interventions, signs had improved recently and expectations grew that the German economy might avoid a recession after all. Monday's disappointing data, however, dented those hopes.

"Recession fears are back," said ING economist Carsten Brzeski. "The warmer winter weather, along with implemented and announced government fiscal stimulus packages, have prevented the economy from falling off a cliff, but a technical recession is still a likely outcome." A technical recession is defined as two consecutive quarters of contraction.

Franziska Palmas, senior Europe economist at Capital Economics, said the data "pours cold water on the recent optimism about the prospects for the eurozone and suggests that a technical recession in both Germany and the eurozone as a whole is more likely than not after all."

INDONESIA

Muslims protest Quran burning in Sweden

Hundreds of Indonesian Muslims marched to the heavily guarded Swedish Embassy in the country's capital on Monday to denounce the recent desecration of Islam's holy book by far-right activists in Sweden and the Netherlands. Waving white flags bearing the Islamic declaration of faith, more than 300 demonstrators filled a major thoroughfare in downtown Jakarta and trampled and set on fire portraits of Danish anti-Islam activist Rasmus Paludan along with the flags of Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands. Authorities blocked streets leading to the embassy, where more than 200 police and soldiers were deployed in and around the building that was barricaded with razor wire. Earlier this month, Paludan received permission from police to stage a protest outside the Turkish Embassy in Sweden's Stockholm.

ASIA MATTERS



THAILAND

Chinese online retailer JD.com to shut online business

Chinese online retailer JD.com Inc. is closing its consumer e-commerce services in Thailand amid intense competition. E-commerce vendors in Southeast Asia have been squeezed by intense competition, including from JD.com's Chinese rival, Alibaba Group. The e-commerce service will stop taking orders February 15 and shut down in early March. The company is also planning to winding down e-commerce services in neighbouring Indonesia.

SINGAPORE

Agreements signed with Malaysia to deepen ties

Leaders of Singapore and Malaysia signed several documents on Monday to strengthen bilateral cooperation and jointly seize opportunities in the digital and green economy. As per a report in Straits Times, the deals will see the two countries to cooperate in setting of standards and the deployment of charging points for electric vehicles, and jointly explore projects in low-carbon solutions, in particular hydrogen and carbon capture, utilisation and storage. "Despite the challenging economic times ahead, PM Anwar and I agreed that our two countries should work even more closely together and maintain regular channels of communication among our leaders and people," Singapore lead Halimah Yacob was quoted as saying by ST. It is Malaysia's first green economy deal with any country.

Putin threatened to lob a missile at me: Boris

LONDON

FORMER UK prime minister Boris Johnson has claimed President Vladimir Putin threatened to target him with a missile attack before ordering Russian forces into Ukraine.

The apparent threat — denied by the Kremlin — came in a telephone call just ahead of the February 24 invasion, according to a BBC documentary to be broadcast on Monday.

Johnson and other Western leaders had been hurrying to Kyiv to show support for Ukraine and try to deter a Russian attack.

"He sort of threatened me at one point and said, 'Boris, I don't want to hurt you, but with a missile, it would only take a minute', or something like that," Johnson quoted Putin as saying. The Kremlin on Monday, however, dismissed the accusation as a "lie".

"What Mr Johnson said is not true. More precisely it's a lie," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters.

"Moreover, this is either a conscious lie or it was unintentional and in fact he didn't understand what President Putin was talking to him about."



Johnson emerged as one of the most impassioned Western backers of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

But prior to the invasion, he says he told Putin that there was no imminent prospect of Ukraine joining NATO, while warning him that any invasion would mean "more NATO, not less NATO" on Russia's borders.

"He said, 'Boris, you say that Ukraine is not going to join NATO any time soon. What is any time soon?' And I said, well it's not going to join NATO for the foreseeable future. You know that perfectly well."

On the missile threat, Johnson added: "I think from the very relaxed tone that he was taking, the sort of air of detachment that he seemed to have, he was just playing along with my attempts to get him to negotiate."

A FIRST

PIO to lead Democrats in US state of Washington

WASHINGTON

INDIAN-AMERICAN political consultant Shasti Conrad has been elected as the new chair of the Washington State Democratic Party, becoming the youngest and first Indian-American woman to serve as a state party chair in the US.

Conrad, 38, a political consultant, ran unopposed, with the support of Governor Jay Inslee, Washington's Democratic US senators, most of the state's Democratic congressional delegation and a majority of other elected Democrats.

"I'm so honoured to have the opportunity to serve as Chair of our state party and build on the outstanding success Washington Democrats have earned at the ballot box for the last six years," said Conrad, who has worked on political campaigns since 2008 when she got her start as a field organiser working for then-Senator Obama's primary campaign.

"I'm excited to work with Democratic leaders from every community to build an unprecedented field operation that will carry the message of how Washington Democrats are delivering for working families to each and every voter," she said. PTI



Clashes break out in Melbourne over Khalistan referendum, two injured

MELBOURNE

TWO people were injured and as many Sikh men were detained when two separate brawls broke out between Khalistani activists and pro-India demonstrators here during the so-called 'Punjab independence referendum', the police said.

India has already asked the Australian government to curb the anti-India activities of the Khalistani separatists and also attacks on the Hindu temples in the country.

"Signals that pro-Khalistan elements are stepping up their

activities in Australia, actively aided and abetted by members of proscribed terrorist organisations such as the Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) and other inimical agencies from outside Australia, have been evident for some time," the Indian Commission in Canberra said in a strongly-worded statement on January 26. Two men were treated for minor injuries by paramedics on the scene as the police at Federation Square broke up two brawls between crowds during the voting for the refer-

endum on Sunday. The Victoria Police in a statement said it responded to two incidents throughout the day, one at 12.45 pm and another at 4.30 pm (local time).

The police responded quickly to "separate and disperse the crowd" by using pepper spray in the second incident "to separate the fighting men".

"As a result of each incident a 34-year-old man and a 39-year-old man were arrested, each issued with a penalty notice for riotous behaviour," it said. According to *The Age*

newspaper, the fracas occurred at 4.30 pm after a group of pro-India supporters waving national flags arrived at the voting site.

Sikhs for Justice, the US-based group spearheading the non-binding referendum, is a banned organisation in India.

Tensions have risen within Australia's large and growing Indian diaspora since the campaign among local secessionists intensified recently, and a spate of graffiti attacks on Hindu temples in Melbourne over the past fortnight have been reported.

French PM's plan to tackle discrimination

French Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne on Monday announced a plan to defeat long-standing racism, anti-Semitism and discrimination of all kinds

FRESH IDEAS

Educating youth with a required yearly trip to a Holocaust or other memorial site exemplifying the horrors that racism can produce

Offer victims of racism and discrimination the possibility to file complaints outside a police station, and in a 'partially anonymous' way

Issue arrest warrants to those who use freedom of expression for racist or anti-Semitic ends

Names and looks have long been a roadblock for people with origins outside France when it came career advancement. Regular testing in private and public places of employment will be part of the new anti-discrimination effort

RISE OF FAR-RIGHT

Generations of citizens from former colonies in mostly Muslim North Africa and west Africa have given the nation a new face

Social media and a rising far-right fearful of the disappearance of the nation's Christian roots in an increasingly multi-cultural France have added new dimensions to the fight against racism

1.2 million per year

the estimated number of people who suffered at least one racist or xenophobic attack

SOMUCH IN A NAME?

Kaltoum Gachi, a co-president of an anti-racism organisation, told those attending a presentation that one of his family members named Kamel failed in his long search for a job until he changed his name to Kevin



KILLING OF PALESTINIAN KEEPS TENSIONS HIGH IN WEST BANK

TEL AVIV

ISRAELI forces killed a Palestinian man in a flashpoint city in the occupied West Bank on Monday, the Palestinian Health Ministry said. The killing marks the latest bloodshed in spiraling violence that comes as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken visits the region.

The Palestinian Health Ministry said the man, Nassim Abu Fouda, 26, was shot in the head in Hebron, often a center of friction between the Israeli military and Palestinians.

The Israeli military said forces asked a car driving suspiciously to pull over but it then drove into a soldier, prompting soldiers to open fire. The car then sped away and crashed, the military said. It added that the driver was taken away by Palestinian rescue services and that the incident was under review. Israeli-Palestinian violence has spiked in recent days, with an Israeli military raid on a militant stronghold in the West Bank city of Jenin last



Palestinians carry the body of Nassim Abu Fouda who was killed by Israeli security forces near a checkpoint early on Monday morning | AFP

week killing 10, most of them militants, and a Palestinian shooting attack in an east Jerusalem Jewish settlement outside a synagogue that killed seven people. A separate east Jerusalem shooting over the weekend by a 13-year-old Palestinian wounded two Israelis.

Following the unrest, Israel approved a series of punitive steps against the Palestinians,

further ratcheting up tensions just as Blinken begins meetings with leaders later in the day. "It's the responsibility of everyone to take steps to calm tensions rather than enflame them," Blinken said after landing in Tel Aviv. "That is the only way to halt the rising tide of violence that has taken too many lives, too many Israelis, too many Palestinians."

EYE ON CHINA

US pledges \$1bn worth investments in Nepal

KATHMANDU

A top US diplomat on Monday met Nepal's senior leadership, including Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal "Prachanda", to further consolidate bilateral ties, and pledged USD 1 billion in investments in the Himalayan nation over the next five years.

US Under Secretary for Political Affairs Victoria Nuland arrived here in Kathmandu on Sunday on a two-day visit.

A seasoned diplomat, Nuland has held a number of high-level positions under three American presidents — Joe Biden, Barack Obama and George W. Bush. She is the senior-most foreign dignitary to visit Nepal following Prachanda's appointment as the prime minister on December 25 last year.

Nuland met Prachanda at the Prime Minister's official residence in Baluwatar here.

During the meeting, matters

relating to bilateral interests were discussed, according to sources at the Prime Minister's Secretariat. "The meeting is expected to contribute to further consolidating the bilateral ties," sources said.

"On the occasion, the Prime Minister lauded the US government for its contributions to the development endeavours in Nepal, expressing hope that such cooperation would be further enhanced ahead," sources said. Nuland also congratulated the Nepal Prime Minister on his appointment and wished him a successful term.

"This time we are proud and pleased to talk about all of our projects together for the future, and the US plans to invest over USD 1 billion in Nepal over the next five years in green energy to electrification, and from small to medium-sized enterprises, particularly investing under-represented groups led by women," Nuland said. PTI

Adani FPO subscribed 3% on day 2

Abu Dhabi-based International Holding Company invests ₹3,200 cr in the follow-on offer

SACHIN KUMAR @ Mumbai

THE ongoing tussle between Adani Group and Hindenburg Research has dented the demand of Adani Enterprises' ₹20,000 crore follow-on public offer (FPO). On the second day, the FPO was subscribed just 3% with the company receiving bids for 13,98,516 shares against the total issue size of 4,55,06,791 shares, showed the stock exchange data.

However, the follow-on offer got a major boost as Abu Dhabi's largest listed company International Holding Company (IHC) said it would invest \$400 million or ₹3,200 crore in the FPO.

The retail portion was subscribed just 4% as the company received bids for 9,76,944 shares from retail investors as against 2,29,08,464 shares reserved for them. High networth individuals bid for 9,76,944 shares against the portion of 96,16,323 shares reserved for them. The response from qualified institutional investors was also weak as the company received bids for just 4,576 shares as against 1,28,21,336 shares on offer.

IHC will make the investment through its subsidiary Green Transmission Investment Hold-

LIC exposure less than 1% of AUM

MUMBAI: Allaying fears about its investments in Adani Group, Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) on Monday said its exposure in the conglomerate is less than 1% of its total asset under management (AUM) book value. The country's largest insurer has registered strong gains from its investment in the group companies. "The total purchase value of equity, purchased over the last many years, under all the Adani group companies is ₹30,127 crore and the market value for the same as at close of market hours on January 27, 2023, was ₹56,142 crore," LIC said in a statement. "Total AUM by LIC are over ₹41.66 lakh crore as of September 30, 2022. Therefore, LIC's exposure in the group, as of date, is 0.975% of LIC's total AUM at book value," it added. LIC's total holding under equity and debt is ₹35,917.31 crore as of December 31, 2022 under Adani group of companies. **ENS**

ing RSC Limited, it said in a statement. "Our interest in Adani Group is driven by our confidence and belief in the fundamentals of Adani Enterprises Ltd; we see a strong potential for growth from a long-term perspective and added value to our shareholders," said Syed Basar Shueb, CEO, IHC. "The advantage of the FPO is the historical reference for the company's earnings report, company's management, business practices, and much data to bank on before making any investment decision," he added.

The flagship entity of Adani

Group is selling shares in a price band of ₹3,112-3,276 apiece. Demand for the shares has been dented by concerns about Adani Group's mounting debt and alleged irregularities raised by US-based Hindenburg Research. Hit by these allegations, shares of Adani Enterprises (AEL) have fallen much below floor price of the FPO. Shares of AEL rose 4% to close at ₹2878.50 on the BSE on Monday. Retail shareholders have a 35% reservation in the FPO at a discount of ₹64 per share.

Now the company is hoping to get good response from investor on Tuesday, the last day of the share sale. However, the ongoing controversy has dented the sentiments of investors. Despite muted demand for the shares from investors, Adani Enterprises has said there would be no change in either the schedule or the pricing of the FPO.



ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

ADANI GROUP'S 413-page response to Hindenburg Research failed to lift investors' sentiment as most of its stocks nosedived again on Monday, wiping out billions of dollars from the market.

In past three sessions, the combined market cap of Adani Group stocks tanked ₹5.57 lakh crore to ₹13.63 lakh crore from ₹19.20 lakh crore on January 24 (closing price). To note, seven Adani Group firms had added ₹7.35 lakh to the Group's m-cap in calendar year 2022.

Adani Total Gas and Adani Green fell 20% each on Monday, while Adani Wilmar and Adani Power were locked into their lower circuit of 5%. Adani Transmission fell 15%. Adani Total Gas and Adani Green are trading at their lowest level in 6 months while shares of Adani Transmission at ₹1,611 have hit a fresh 52-week low. Adani Wilmar and Adani Power stocks have also hit a new 6-month low. The Group's flagship Adani Enter-

prises (AEL) and Adani Ports (APSEZ) gave up their early gains after hitting upper circuit of 10%. While AEL closed with a gain of 4%, APSEZ closed in the red.

Adani's cement entities: ACC and Ambuja Cements gained between 1-2% while media outlet NDTV fell 5%. As per a senior equity market analyst, Adani's response to Hindenburg's response is vague and doesn't have much concrete material to deny the allegations.

"Add to it, many stocks were trading at bloated levels and there was a wide correction concern given the weak fundamentals they have," the analyst said requesting anonymity. Gautam Adani-led Group on Sunday called the allegations by short seller Hindenburg a "calculated attack" on India, its institutions and growth story, saying the allegations are "nothing but a lie".

The Group said the report was driven by "an ulterior motive" to "create a false market" to allow the US firm to make financial gains.

Gautam Adani's net fortune goes down by \$8.5 bn

NEW DELHI: Gautam Adani's net fortune plummeted by \$8.5 billion on Monday as Adani Group stocks nosedived again on the domestic exchanges amidst its ongoing spat with U.S.-based short seller and investor activist firm Hindenburg Reserve. With this fresh fall, the wealth gap between Reliance Industries' Mukesh Ambani and Gautam Adani is now at \$4 billion, the closest in months. Last year when Adani had briefly climbed to the second spot on the global rich list, his net wealth was \$40-50 billion north of Mukesh Ambani. As per Forbes Real Time Billionaire Index, Adani's position in the wealth list fell from 7th spot on Friday to 8th spot on Monday after his wealth deteriorated by \$8.5 billion to \$88.2 billion. He is followed by Larry Page (Google) whose wealth is at \$86.4 billion. **ENS**

WARNING BELL

Adani failed to answer 62 of 88 questions: Hindenburg

SACHIN KUMAR @ Mumbai

IN the ongoing arguments and counter-arguments between Hindenburg and Adani Group, the US-based research firm alleged the conglomerate has draped itself in Indian flag while systematically looting the nation.

Saying that the Adani Group has failed to specifically answer 62 of 88 of its questions, Hindenburg said the conglomerate tried to lead the focus away from substantive issues and instead stoked a nationalist narrative. "We believe India is a vibrant democracy and an emerging superpower with an exciting future. We believe India's future is being held back by Adani Group, which has draped itself in Indian flag while systematically looting the nation," said the research firm. "We believe fraud is fraud, even when it's perpetrated by one of the wealthiest individuals," it added. Adani's '413 page' response included about 30 pages focused on issues related to our report, said Hindenburg in reply to Adani's responses issued on Sunday. It said the remainder of the response consisted of 330 pages of court records, along with 53 pages of high-level financials, general information, and details on irrelevant corporate initiatives, such as how it encourages female entrepreneurship and production of safe vegetables. "Our report asked 88 specific questions. In its response, Adani failed to specifically answer 62 of them."

SC upholds NCLAT order on Jet employees' dues

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Monday upheld the NCLAT order that had directed the new owner of the airline, Jalan Kallack Consortium (JKC), to pay provident fund and gratuity dues of the airline's former employees.

A bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices PS Narasimha and JB Pardiwala said, "Anyone stepping in would know there are overriding labour dues. Unpaid labour dues always take precedence. Some-



where, there has to be finality. Sorry, we will not interfere."

This fresh hurdle for the JKC comes after the Mumbai bench of National Company Law Tri-

bunal (NCLT) earlier this month approved the transfer of ownership of Jet Airways to the consortium and gave it more time to pay the dues to the creditors.

The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a plea moved by the consortium and upheld the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal's (NCLAT) order. This may prove to be a big setback for the consortium, which is eyeing to restart the grounded airline.

Senior advocate Saurabh Kirpal, who appeared in the court on behalf of the consortium,

said they will now have to put in an additional amount of more than ₹200 crore and it would be difficult to revive the airline. He said once approved, the resolution plan cannot be modified or taken back.

Senior advocate Siddharth Bhatnagar and advocate Swarnendu Chatterjee appeared in the court on behalf of the Association of Aggrieved Workmen of Jet Airways (AAWJA), comprising 270 former employees of the airline who had resigned on or after the carrier's insolvency commencement date.

ESSAR LOOKS TO RE-ENTER STEEL BIZ WITH NMDC BID

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

ESSAR GROUP is trying to re-enter the steel business, as it submitted an expression of interest (EoI) for NMDC Steel Plant, a subsidiary of government-owned NMDC Ltd, according to market sources.

The Group's steel business - Essar Steel - was acquired by ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel through a corporate insolvency resolution process in 2019. "Essar Steel is one of the serious bidders for NMDC Steel Plant at Nagarnar, Chattisgarh. It submitted its expression of interest through SBI Capital on January 27. It is also looking to set up its new plants and has been looking for land aggressively in Odisha and Karnataka," a person in the know confirmed to this newspaper.

"To start with, the company is looking to expand its capacity in the steel business up to 3-4 million tonnes per annum and then it will gradually expand it to 8-10 million tonnes per annum," the person cited above said.

The central government will sell 50.79% of its 60.79% stakes in Nagarnar-based NMDC Steel that is being set up with an investment of Rs 20,000 crore. The new plant with an annual capacity of 3 million tonnes per annum is expected to be commissioned by the end of current fiscal. The government has received multiple EoIs for the strategic disinvestment of NMDC Steel Ltd, tweeted DIPAM Secretary Tuhin Kanta Pandey on Friday. This newspaper had reported last week that Tata Steel, Jindal Steel and Power (JSPL), JSW, Vedanta and Tata Steel have submitted their EoIs.

Manu Jain exits Xiaomi after nine-year long stint

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

After a nine-year-long association with Chinese tech giant Xiaomi, Manu Kumar Jain announced his exit from the company.

Jain, who was the face of Xiaomi brand in India, said he would soon update his next professional journey. "Over the next few months, I will take some time off, before taking up my next professional challenge. I am a builder at heart and would love to build something new, ideally in a new industry," said Jain in a statement. Jain joined the company in 2014 when it was trying to establish itself in India. Within the next few years, Xiaomi became a top mobile brand in the country. The company was known for offering popular and affordable smartphones and best-in-class hardware at the best rates. In fact, the company always found it-

self among the top three smartphone vendors in the country. The brand operates with three titles: Xiaomi, Redmi and POCO.

"I joined Xiaomi Group in 2014 to start its India journey. The first few years were full of ups & downs... We were the smallest among the hundreds of smartphone brands, that too with limited resources and no prior relevant industry experience. But due to the efforts of a fantastic team, we were able to build it into one of the most loved brands in India," added Jain. Last year, central probe agency Enforcement Directorate (ED) seized over ₹5,500 crore from Xiaomi over violations of Indian foreign exchange law. Jain was also part of the investigation as the ED summoned him. In 2021, Jain moved his base to Dubai to serve as Global VP. Last time, Jain made a surprise appearance at the Redmi Note 12 series launch in India in January 2023.



Manufacturing, services log 8.27% attrition in third quarter, says report

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

ATTRITION across manufacturing and services industries witnessed an average of 8.27% in the December quarter, a 0.46% increase from an average of 7.81% in Q2FY23, according to TeamLease report on Employment Outlook.

Attrition rates among start-ups in manufacturing were high at 26% in the third quarter, the report added.

Highlighting attrition trends, the report says the IT industry in the services sector had higher average attrition at 27.19% when compared to healthcare & pharmaceuticals industry in the manufacturing sector at 15.67%. In the September quarter, attrition in the healthcare & pharmaceuticals industry stood at 14.71%.

Textile, electric vehicles and infrastructure industries faced the lowest attrition trends for the Q3 with 1.22% and 2.63%, respectively. Other industries in the manufacturing sector recorded negative attrition during October to December quarter. Balasubramanian A, VP and business head, TeamLease Services, said, "Attrition has increased for a number of reasons, including an unprecedented high demand for hot skills in technology, risk, assurance, and areas such as ESG (environmental, social, and governance). In the post-COVID era, the war for talent became more intense and the impact was high on the manufacturing segment."

In the services sector, apart from IT, educational services



IT, edu services, ecomm witness high attrition

In the services sector, apart from IT, educational services witnessed 18.02% attrition, followed by e-commerce & allied start-ups (15.13%), knowledge process outsourcing (13.79%) and telecommunications (12.05%)

witnessed 18.02% attrition, followed by e-commerce & allied start-ups (15.13%), knowledge process outsourcing (13.79%) and telecommunications (12.05%). However, the rest of the four industries - travel & hospitality, logistics, consulting, and media & entertainment saw low attrition rates of below 5% during the December quarter, the report says.

"Influenced by upcoming appraisals, economic turmoil in the ecosystem and increased migration between allied industries, attrition has gone up. Attrition has been reported to be higher due to increased new-age opportunities", said Ajoy Thomas, VP & business head, TeamLease Services.

Tech Mahindra net profit declines 5% to ₹1,297 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

IT company Tech Mahindra on Monday reported a 5.3% fall in net profit for the third quarter ending December 2022, to ₹1,297 crore compared to ₹1,368 crore in the year-ago period.

Beating street estimates, its revenues in the third quarter stood at ₹13,735 crore, up 19.9% year-on-year (YoY) compared to ₹11,451 crore in the same quarter last year.

CP Gurnani, MD and CEO, Tech Mahindra, said, "We are seeing moderation in growth given tough macro economic environment. We will continue



to work with our customers to pre-empt their technological requirements and identify new demand drivers, especially for digital services." Its EBITDA for the quarter stood at ₹2,144 crore, up 4.1% YoY. The company's total headcount was at 157,068, down 4.2% quarter-on-quarter (QoQ). Rahit Anand, chief financial officer, Tech Mahindra, said, "Our numbers reflect resilience as we continue to work on expansion of operating margin. I am confident our strategy of client centricity & agility combined with delivery led transformation will help us create value for our customers and stakeholders alike."

L&T profit up 24% to ₹2,552.92 cr on higher revenue from ops

NEW DELHI: Engineering and construction conglomerate Larsen & Toubro (L&T) on Monday reported a 24.2% rise in consolidated net profit at ₹2,552.92 crore in the quarter ending December 31, 2022, on the back of higher revenue from operations.

The company had posted a consolidated net profit of ₹2,054.74 crore in the year-ago period, L&T said in a regulatory filing. Consolidated revenue from operations in the October-December period rose to ₹46,389.72 crore, against ₹39,562.92 crore in the year-ago period. The company received orders worth ₹60,710 crore at the group level during the quarter, a growth of 21% YoY. **ENS**

PNB net falls 44% due to provisioning for NPAs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK, on Monday, announced 44% decline in its net profit to ₹629 crore in the third quarter ending December, weighed down by the increase in provision for bad loans.

The public sector lender's total exposure to Adani Group companies is nearly ₹7,000

crore and the bank is closely watching the developments surrounding the conglomerate.

"Out of ₹7,000 crore, nearly ₹2,500 crore is related to Adani's airport business. Whatever the exposure we are having is backed by cash flow," said Atul Kumar Goel, MD and CEO of PNB, addressing a virtual press conference. The lender's net

profit stood at ₹1,127 in the same quarter previous year.

The bank's net interest income, difference between income earned and interest paid, grew 17.6% year-on-year to ₹9,179 crore while the non-interest income grew by 23.6% to ₹3,338 crore. Its provisions rose 40% to ₹4,713 crore in the reported quarter from ₹3,353 crore in the year-ago period.

GAIL net profit declines 90%

NEW DELHI: State gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd on Monday reported a 90% drop in December quarter net profit after it suffered losses in petrochemical and natural gas marketing business. The consolidated net profit of ₹397.59 crore in October-December 2022 is compared with ₹3,800.09 crore earning in the same period a year back, according to the company's stock exchange filing. **ENS**

BPCL profit falls 37% to ₹1,747 cr

NEW DELHI: Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) on Monday posted consolidated net profit of ₹1,747 crore for Q3FY23. This is 36.7% down from year-ago period of ₹2,758.89 crore. Its revenue from operations rose 13% to ₹1.33 lakh crore as against ₹1.17 lakh crore a year ago. Average gross refining margin (GRM) for nine months ending December 31, 2022, was at \$20.08 a barrel as against \$6.98 a barrel a year ago period. **ENS**

Sitharaman to table Economic Survey today

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AHEAD of the Union Budget on February 1, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will table the Economic Survey in Parliament on January 31.

Economic Survey is a document that gives detailed review of economic and financial trends in the country over the past year. The survey gives information about all sectors, growth trajectory, inflation, employment situation, forex reserves and trade, etc. It also analyses major government schemes and their performance. Last survey had projected GDP growth of 8-8.5% in real terms for the current fiscal.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I under instructions from my clients **SRI/SHRAN PRAKASH SHINDE**, S/o. Prakash Shinde, Aged about 39 years, R/at No. 1, 5th main, 1st cross, 2nd Stage, 2nd phase, Dornar Bangalore 560 071, I do hereby issue this public notice. General Public are hereby notified that my client is intending to purchase the schedule property from one **SRI.T.RAVINDRA PATIL**, S/o. T. Jayadevappa, Aged about 58 years, R/at No. 278, 3rd cross, 1st main, KEB layout, RMV 2nd stage, Bangalore 560 094 for purchase of the schedule property. Any person having any right, title or interest over the schedule property shall intimate me either through Rpd/or through phone within a span of 15 days from the date of this deed with documents.

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All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing Site No. 18, situated in Sy. No. 4 of the Jakkur Plantation, yelahanka hobli, Bangalore BMDP Katha No. 1804/18 d, 09/12/2002 measuring East to West 40 sq ft and North to south - 65 ft in all measuring 2,600 sq ft and bounded as follows:-
Eastby - Plot No. 17, Westby - Plot No. 19,
North by - Road, South by - Private property.
C.N. Raghavendra, Advocate,
No. 890, Judicial Layout, Bangalore-560065.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client intend to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners **Smt. Rohini Thyagaraju**, Wife of Late K.C. Thyagaraj, and **ii) Sri K.C. Ravishankar**, Son of late K.C. Chandrashekharaiah, residing at No. 122, Bull Temple Road, Bangalore-560019. Any Person/s or Institution/s having any claim/s or objection/s in respect of the Schedule Property may file the same along with supporting documentary evidence within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no claim/s or objection/s is / are received by the undersigned within 07 days as stated above, my client will proceed further as the property is free from all claim/s and objection/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing i) Survey Nos. 41/3, measuring 1 Acre 24 Guntas, ii) Survey No. 41/4, measuring 1 Acre 24 Guntas, iii) Survey No. 41/5, measuring 09 Guntas, iv) Survey No. 41/6, measuring 08 Guntas and v) Survey No. 41/7, measuring 1 Acre 16 Guntas, altogether measuring 05 Acres 01 Guntas, situated at Thagachappu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, is bounded on:-
East by : Land bearing Survey No.42;
West by : Land in Survey Nos.41/1;
North by : Vishabavathi River;
South by : Land in Survey No.41/2;
Sd/- H.UMASHANKAR, Advocate,
No. 8, 80ft Road, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-40.

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SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION 2nd Call /3rd Call /4th call /5th Call/6th Call / 7th Call

The Executive Engineer, PWD, Divn. Mangaluru Inviting Tender under E-tendering in <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> portal from eligible Tenderers in accordance with KTTCP Act, to the work Indent No : 164424, Under the Head Of Account: 5054 MDR Bridge. Indent No : 164396 Under the Head Of Account :- 3054 SH Bridge Maintenance.

And Inviting Tender for 2nd Call 155900, 156612, 156613 And 3rd Call to Indent No :156140 And 4th Call to Indent No :155908 And Inviting Tender 5th Call to Indent No. 155347, 156143 And 6th Call to Indent No. 153606, 153580, 153607 And 7th Call to Indent No. 155902, 155895, 156561, 155917, 156021, 155764 Under the Head Of Account :- 5054-04-337-01-01-154 District and Other Roads Improvements. Last date for receipt of above tender : 08.02.2023 upto 16.00 Hours.

In the above Work Highest Cost of Estimate is Rs.88.00 Lakhs & Lowest Cost of Estimate is Rs.20.00 Lakhs. Any Change in dates of events and value of work put to tender and EMD amount etc only can be seen from e-portal www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Executive Engineer

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION E-Tender Notice No.E/CN/ERS/TN/06/2022-23 Dated: 13.01.2023

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Ernakulam Junction-682016 invites E-Tenders for the work mentioned below as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in the portal www.irps.gov.in. The tenderer/Contractor, intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal www.irps.gov.in and only online tenders will be accepted. The Bid Security should be paid through online payment gateway available on the website by the way of multiple banks net banking, debit and credit card.

Item No 1: Tender No. E.320/CN/ERS/OT/HC/42
Name of work: Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of Traction overhead equipment including modifications to the existing overhead equipment in connection with proposed diversion and Re-grading of existing track with 25 kV A.C. supply between Nagercoil Junction (excl) - Kaniyankumari (incl), Profiling/Modification work on existing Over Head Equipments at proposed/Re-constructed Road Over Bridges, Provision of insulated sheets and supply of fabricated insulated pipes and caps for provision on bracket tubes under Road Over Bridges to avoid shorting of OHE due to bird electrocution and Provision of Galvanised steel bonds between Eranial and Kaniyankumari section in connection with doubling of track between Thiruvananthapuram - Kaniyankumari section of Thiruvananthapuram Division of Southern Railway
Approx Cash value in Lakhs: ₹ 491.08 Bid Security in ₹ 3,95,500/-
Date of Opening of tender: 07.02.2023 at 12.00 hrs Completion period in months: 12 months

Item No 2: Tender No. E.572/CN/ERS/WG/OT/6748
Name of work: Electrification of stabling lines, provision for Pre-Cooling and Battery charging facility, and high mast lighting at Kochuvelli Station yard
Approx Cash value in Lakhs: ₹ 140.78 Bid Security in ₹ 2,24,900/-
Date of Opening of tender: 07.02.2023 at 12.00 hrs Completion period in months: 12 months

Item No 3: Tender No. E.572/CN/ERS/WG/OT/581
Name of work: Modification of existing LT power line crossings and parallel alignment in TVC-Kuzhithurai section Phase-I
Approx Cash value in Lakhs: ₹ 48.43 Bid Security in ₹ 96,900/-
Date of Opening of tender: 07.02.2023 at 12.00 hrs Completion period in months: 18 months

Tenderers can submit Bid security in the form of bank guarantee also. For further details visit internet site www.irps.gov.in or contact office of Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway Ernakulam Junction-682016
Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Construction, Ernakulam Junction

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Government of Karnataka (Infrastructure Development and Port and Inland Water Transport Department) Karnataka Maritime Board

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PORT DIVISION, BAITKHO, KARWAR, UTTAR KANNADA-581302, Phone: 08382-229672 Email: eeppk@rediffmail.com / eeppkwr4@gmail.com NO.EEPPK/TND/2022-23/1110 Date: 21-01-2023

Invitation for tenders (IFT) Two cover system SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Tender is invited in e-Procurement to execute below mentioned works. To participate in e-Procurement, and for more information may be obtained in www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in website. For further Extension refer above mentioned website. No separate paper notification will be issued.

"GST shall be paid to the Tendered Amount separately"

Name of work and Indent Number: (1) Indent No: IDD/2022-23/OW /WORK_INDENT107 Amount put to Tender Rs. 14518536.1, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD Amount) : Rs. 2,18,000.00 (Rs 100000/- By e-Payment & remaining Rs. 1,18,000.00/- as mentioned in the Tender document)

(2) Indent No: IDD/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT110 Amount put to Tender Rs. 14271609.51, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD Amount): Rs. 2,14,000.00 (Rs 100000/- By e-Payment & remaining Rs. 1,14,000.00/- as mentioned in the Tender document)

(3) Indent No: IDD/2022-23/FF/WORK_INDENT117 Amount put to Tender Rs. 12644584.94, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD Amount): Rs.2,00,000.00 (Rs 1,00,000.00 By e-Payment & remaining Rs. 1,00,000.00 as mentioned in the Tender document)

For all above works: Last date and Time for queries: 08.02.2023 at 16.00 hours, Last date and Time for receipt of Tender: 10.02.2023 at 16.00 hours

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Port Division, Karwar**

DIPR/ADK/MS/CA/8522-23 Dt 27.01.23

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client intend to purchase the Schedule Property from its owners **i) SRI.K.C.VENUGOPAL**, Son of Late K.L.Chandrashekharaiah, and **ii) SRI.S.Anaad**, Son of late K.C.Subramanya, residing at No.122, Bull Temple Road, Bangalore-560019. Any Person/s or Institution/s having any claim/s or objection/s in respect of the Schedule Property may file the same along with supporting documentary evidence within the undersigned within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice. If no claim/s or objection/s is / are received by the undersigned within 07 days as stated above, my client will proceed further as the property is free from all claim/s and objection/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing i) Survey No.41/1, measuring 2 Acres 21 Guntas excluding 07 Guntas of 'A' Kharab land ii) Survey No. 41/2, measuring 1 Acre 30 Guntas excluding 03 Guntas of 'A' Kharab land, altogether measuring 4 Acres 11 Guntas excluding 10 Guntas of 'A' Kharab land, situated at Thagachappu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, is bounded on:-
East by : Land bearing Survey No.42;
West by : Vishabavathi River;
North by : Vishabavathi River and land in Survey Nos.41/3, 41/4, 41/3;
South by : Road;
Sd/- H.UMASHANKAR, Advocate,
No. 8, 80ft Road, Chandra Layout, Bangalore-40.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client is intending to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner Mr. Meena Subash W/o Mohammed Ibrahim residing at 226, V EPHE3053 CT TUSON, A2 857422209 apart from the said owner, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and/or interest or claim or charge in/over the Schedule Property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for the sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing along with the photo copies of the documents on which they rely, with the undersigned within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objections received thereafter shall not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of residential vacant site bearing No.34 in Sy.No.38/1 formed by KPCL Employees House Building Co-operative Society, Bangalore situated at Jumnasandra Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet by totality measuring 1200 Sq.ft and bearing 68MP Katha No. 1515/495/24 bounded on the East by: 30 ft Road West by: Site No-117 North by: Site No-33 and South by Site No:35
D.N. Janardhana, Advocate,
No.13601, T-16, Srikanth Residency, 9th Main, Sreenivasanagar, Bangalore-560050
Mobile: 9448411424/9448411424
Dated: 31/01/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that Mr. Ganesh Patil @ Ganesh Gowda, S/o Malana Gowda, aged about 45 years, R/at No.08, Sanjeevini Nagar, Hegganahalli, Bengaluru-560091 is the absolute owner of the schedule property. My client had informed me that he had lost/misplaced the Gift Deed dated 16/10/2019 registered as Document No.PNV.1-04531/2019-20 stored in CD No.PNY.1 dated 16/10/2019 before the Sub Registrar Pannaya, Bengaluru executed by executed by Mrs. Dadevathamma in favour of Mr. Manjunath H.N. in this regard my client had also lodged the complaint before the Police.

If any persons are having any right, title or interest over the above said property they can inform to the same to the below mentioned address within 7 days from the publication of the notice. If no claim is received within 7 days from publication it will be taken as there is no claim from anybody in respect of the above mentioned property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.28, Katha No.167, Assessment No.38, BBMP ward No.71 situated at Hegganahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West on North side 57.5 feet, on south 50 feet and North to South 30 feet in all 1754 sq. ft. and bounded on:-
East by : Road,
West by : other's Property,
North by : Site No.29
South by : Site No.2

Chandrasekhar. N. Advocate,
No.61, Chennakeshava Complex, Margosa Road, Mallishwaram 8th cross, Bangalore-560003 Mob No. 9880451655

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients **Sri.NADELLA MANJUNATH** S/o N.V. Surendranath Gulphra and **Smt.K.SARANYA** Na Naddella Manjunath, both are R/o H.No.6-100, Near HUDA Caté, Subash Nagar, Gangaram, Chandanagar, Hyderabad-500018, PIN-500018, are intends to purchase the property more particularly described in the schedule hereunder written from **Sri. RAMESH. V** S/o. Late. Venkataramanappa who represented that he has clear and marketable title to the same. Any person/s, financial institutions and statutory authorities who claims any right, title or interest of any nature in or any claim, charge or enforceable right in relation to the schedule property or has any objections of any nature to the aforesaid transaction should lodge such claims and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within SEVEN(7) days from today, filing which it will be presumed that no valid claims/objections exist and my clients would proceed to complete the transaction with the present owner thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Vacant Site No.183, Katha No.8/3, & 8/4, Assessment No.8/3 & 8/4 Situated at DODDANAGANGAL Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring East to West (60+55) Feet/North to South 30 Feet totaling to an extent of 1725 Sq. Feet bounded as follows:
On East by: Private Property,
West by: Layout Road,
North by: Layout Road,
South by: Site No.182.

M. ANANDA. B.A., LL.B.,
Advocate Roll No.KAR 1007/95
No.1431, Ground Floor, D Souza Building, Begur Main Road, Near Sub-Registrar's Office, Opp. Canara Bank, Begur.
BANGALORE-560114 Mob No.9845343337

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform that General Public that my client's are desirous to purchase residential property bearing No.19 (earlier CITB No.1189/A), situated at 35TH C Cross, Fourth 'T' Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore, ward No.168-Pattabhiramanna (old ward) No.58 and still earlier division no.60, PID No.58-32-19 and fully described the schedule hereunder, belonging to Sri A. Manjun. Son of Late Devaratti Anne Gowda, Residing at No.37, Seventh Cross, Laville Road, Next to Reva Showroom, Bangalore-560001.

The above owner has informed that he does not possess the following original documents. He has lodged a complaint dated 05-01-2022 to the Inspector of Police, Cubbon Park Police Station, Bangalore and the last report dated 05-01-2023 vide No.0436282/2023.

Any person/s, having any claim over the schedule property and/or on the basis of the following missing documents, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within 10 (ten) days hereof, failing which my client will proceed to conclude the sale transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my clients.

i) Possession Certificate dated 11-06-1989 bearing P.R.No.1738/1989-70 issued by the Engineer Officer City Improvement Trust Board Bangalore;

ii) Gift Deed dated 20-09-1974 executed by Dr.T Prasanna Simha Rao in favour of his son in law Sri.M N P Rao (Sri.Mysore Nagaraj Padmanabha Rao) and registered as document No.2685/74-75, Book I, Volume 273, Pages 213 to 215 and registered in the office of the Sub Registrar Jayanagar Bangalore;

iii) Absolute Sale Deed dated 15-06-1982 executed by Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore represented by Deputy Secretary in favour of Sri.M N P Rao (Sri.Mysore Nagaraj Padmanabha Rao) and registered as document No.1758/8253, Book I, Volume 893, Pages 208-211 and registered in the office of the Sub Registrar Jayanagar Bangalore.

iv) Old Revenue Records and Tax Paid Receipts issued by City Improvement Trust Board Bangalore, Bangalore City Corporation.

SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of entire residential property bearing No.19 (earlier CITB No.1189/A), situated at 35TH C Cross, Fourth 'T' Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore, ward No. 168-Pattabhiramanna (old ward) No.58 and still earlier division no.60, PID No.58-32-19 and bounded on;
Eastby : Road,
Westby : Site bearing No.1189;
North by : Site bearing No.1190/A;
South by : Road;
MEASURING: East to West: 55 feet 6 inches; North to South: 92 feet;
N S SATYANARAYANA GUPTA
K S NAYAK, & S RACHANA
N C JANARDHAN, Advocates
Rachana Law Associates
"Lakshmidheep", I Floor, No:2980, 17th Cross, Banashankari II Stage, BANGALORE - 560 070 Ph: 9731333880 Dt- 30-01-2023

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION) E-TENDER NOTICE No. SG- CNMTP-23-J- VCLCY-STM-TLE dt.27.01.2023

Provision of Telecommunication arrangements at stations in Velachery - St. Thomas Mount section of Chennai division in connection with MRTS - II Extension Work.
Approximate Cash Value:
Rs.63.69 Lakhs, EMD: 1,27,400/-
Period of Completion: 6 Months
Date and time of Tender Closing : 20.02.2023 at 14.00 hrs
For further details refer website address: www.irps.gov.in

Executive Signal and Telecom Engineer, Construction and Metropolitan Transport Project, Chennai - 31
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client Mr. SABARI V. K. W/o Sri Prabhakaran G, has intends to Purchase land from his owners Mr. S. VENKATESHA REDDY, in respect of Property bearing Sy No.56, situated at Kantharihalalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Gulbanded Taluk, Chikballapur District, Measuring 1 Acres 25 Guntas, and bounded on:-

East by : Land in Sy.No.58;
West by : Land in Sy.No.55;
North by : Land in Sy.No.55;
South by : Land in Sy.No.58;
the land owner has acquired the same through registered Sale Deed. My client has intention to purchase the property at an earliest. If any person/s or any financial institutions having any claim, charge, interest, right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 7 days from this day to the undersigned.
K. N. MANJUNATH, Advocate,
No.2, 1st Floor, Sri.Mylalingeshwara Complex, Amruthahalli Main Road, Opp to Reliance Smart, Sahakarapur Post, Bangalore-560 092
PH:984550964, 888088785;

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my clients have negotiated with the owners **Smt. Bhagyashree G.B D/o. G.B. Bhaskar**, aged about 41 years residing at No.11, RK Residency, 6th Cross, Katriguppe, Vivekanandapur BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560065. Rep by her GPA Holder **Smt. B.N. Nagarathna W/o. Bharadwaj**, Aged about 68 years, R/at No.945, 12th Cross, 8201st Road, Vinobahabnagar, 2nd Stage, Shimgoa-577204, entered into sale deed to purchase the property which is more fully described in the schedule herein given below. Any persons claiming with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof should write to the undersigned within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this Public Notice with Documentary Proof on which they have based their claim, failing which it is deemed that there is no impediment to complete the sale and my clients will proceed, on the basis, that there are no claims of whatsoever nature.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that part and parcel of the immovable property bearing Sy No.6/P-15-1-1-2 of 3-40 Acres, situated Varadahalalli, Village, Channarayana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural district bounded on East by: Matturbari Gd. West by: Gomala Land, North by: Land belongs to Munniyappa and Chikananjanappa, South by: Land belongs to Ramakrishnappa.
P. N. RAMAKRISHNAPPA,
M. HEMAVATHI ADVOCATES, HRV ASSOCIATES,
Office at : No.99, First Floor, BGS Layout, Jakkur-Amruthahalli Main Road, Bangalore-64.
Email:hrvasociates@gmail.com

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT-2)

NO.1, RESIDENCY ROAD, JC JEEVAN NAGAL BUILDING, HAYES ROAD, BANGALURU-560025

FORM NO. 14
(See Regulation 33(2))

By Regd. ADO, Dst. filing which by Publication.

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/318/2022

CANARA BANK

Versus

M/s UTTAM SAGAR DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION PVT. LTD. & OTHERS (CHB) CANARA BANK
Cunningham Road Branch, Cunningham Road, Bangalore-560052.

...CERTIFICATE HOLDERS

To,
(CD-1) M/s Uttam Sagar Development & Construction Pvt. Ltd., Rep. by its Managing Director, Sri.B. Uttam Muthappa, Flat No. S-02, Alfred Place, No. 25, Alfred Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560025.

(CD-2) Sri B. Uttam Muthappa, Flat No. S-02, Alfred Place, No. 25, Alfred Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560025.

(CD-3) Sri B. Sagar Muthappa, Flat No. S-02, Alfred Place, No. 25, Alfred Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560025.

(CD-4) Smt. Kavitha Muthappa, Flat No. S-02, Alfred Place, No. 25, Alfred Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560025.

(CD-5) Sri B.G. Muthappa, Flat No. S-02, Alfred Place, No. 25, Alfred Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560025.

(CD-6) M/s Kountheys Hotels (P) Ltd., Rep. by its Managing Director, Sri B. Uttam Muthappa, P.B.No. 109, K.M. Road, Chikmagalur-571701.

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT-2) in **OA/296/2018** an amount of **Rs.11,91,43,454.62 (Rupees Eleven Crore Ninety One Lakhs Four Three Thousand Four Hundred & Fifty Four and Paise Sixty Two Only)** along with pendente lite and future interest as applicable per RC w.e.f. 16.02.2017 and cost till realization has become due against you (Jointly and severally / Fully / limited).

2) You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules thereunder.

3) You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4) You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned on 12/01/2023 at 10:30 a.m. for further proceedings.

5) In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in the service of the notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this Date: 26/10/2022.

**Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
BANGALURU (DRT-2)**

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION

STORM WATER DRAIN DEPARTMENT Invitation for Bids No.GCC/KB/JFRP/2022/2 (SWDC.No.B1/0662/2020)

Grant No and Project Name : Grant 9232-IND : Integrated Urban Flood Management for the Chennai - Kosasthalay Basin Project -Additional Financing.
Contract No. and Title : GCC / JFRP/EQ/02 : Supply of Media device and equipment for WASH related activities

1. The Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai, Tamil Nadu ("the Purchaser") invited bids for above package on 12.12.2022.
2. Bid document would be available at www.tenders.tn.gov.in starting from 01.02.2023. Deadline for bid submission is 15.00 hours on 06.03.2023.

3. Online & Offline Pre-bid Meeting will be held at 14.00 hours on 15.02.2023.
4. Any addendum, clarification to the bidder's queries and corrigendum etc., will be published on the tender website www.tenders.tn.gov.in and will not be published in Newspapers.

**Superintending Engineer
Storm Water Drain Department,
Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai**

DIPR/ 528 TENDER/2023

"சென்னை கட்டிடக்கலை அமைச்சு, கட்டிடத் துறைமன்றம், பெருநகர சபை, சென்னை"

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Smt. Narayanaswami** have filed the Petitioner has filed the petition for the death certificate of Muniraju S/o Late Narayanaswami was died on 15-06-2005 at Ormeau South Village, Vishwanathapura Post, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the I. Add. Civil Judge & JMC at Devanahalli and date of hearing on 23/02/23 at 11.00 A.M. in C.Misc.No.134/2022.

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMC Court, Devanahalli
Sri Jayarama YD, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from **Smt Nagamani W/o. Sri**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client is planning to purchase properties bearing Site No 538, situated at 16th Cross, 6th Phase, J P Nagar, Bengaluru presently owned by Dr. Ilyas Ahmed S/o Late Ahmed Sharief totallly measuring 109.20 metres. Any person having any right, title or interest in the Schedule Property must notify the undersigned with documentary proof therewith within 7 days of this publication failing which it shall be deemed that no person has any right, title or interest in the Schedule Property and on the basis that the Schedule Property is unencumbered, our client shall proceed with the transaction.

ANISH ACHARYA, Advocate
M/s. Anveshana Advocates
and Consultants,
771, B - Street, 1st Main Road,
Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru - 560 020.
Place: Bengaluru, Date: 30.01.2023

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[See Proviso to rule 9(1)]

Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immoveable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Can Fin Homes Ltd., Hesaraghatta Branch**, will be sold by holding e-auction on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **21.02.2023** for recovery of **Rs. 17,74,311/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Three Hundred Eleven Only)** due to **Can Fin Homes Ltd., from Borrowers/Guarantor(s):**

1) Mr.Kumarswamy R and Mrs. Hema, Both are residing at: No.74, Near Chikkabanavara old Railway Station, Parameshwari layout, Vianyagha Nagar, Bengaluru-560090, **(Borrowers)** 2) Sunil Kumar G, Residing at: No.64, Arishinkunte village, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru-552123, **(Guarantor(s))**: as on **26.07.2017** together with further interest and other charges thereon.

The reserve price for **Rs.23,00,000/-** (Rupees Twenty-Three Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.2,30,000/-**

The Earnest Money Deposit should be deposited on or before **20.02.2023 by 5 pm.**

Details and full description of the immovable property:

All that piece and parcel of an immovable residential property bearing Site No 61, Katha No 606, Sy No 108, Singapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru (now Katha No 108/61, Property No 108, Singapura Village, Kuvempunagara Ward No 11, Bengaluru) measuring East - West : 40 ft. North - South : 30 ft, in all measuring 1200 Sq Ft. Bounded On North :Site No 62, South : Site No 60, East : Site No 35, West: 30-00 Feet wide Road.

Encumbrances: Nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of **Can Fin Homes Ltd., (www.canfinhomes.com)**. Please refer to the following link for e-auction www.bankeauctionwizard.com

Date : 30.01.2023
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
Can Fin Homes Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client **Soccer Village**, Partnership Firm, Contact No. 9964515457 is intending to purchase the schedule properties mentioned hereunder along with owners name, who have represented themselves, that they are the absolute owners of the said properties.

Any person/s, Institution/s, Company/s, Firm/s, individuals claiming any right, title or interest or any sort of claims what so ever in any nature over the Schedule properties, may lodge their claims/objections with documentary proof (genuine) thereof, **within 10 (Ten) days** of this publication to the undersigned Advocate in writing, along with proof. Failing which my clients will presume that there are no claims, charges, objections what so ever for purchase of the Schedule property and that the Schedule property is free from all and every kinds of encumbrances, claims etc. and also presume that the same is the absolute property of the sale said persons and will conclude the contract by purchasing and registering the Sale deed in their favour. Any objections/claims received beyond the prescribed time (of 10 days) shall not be entertained and that all such claims or objections shall be deemed to have been waived and given up and shall not be binding on my clients.

Item-I: (Owner name- **K Gajendra** S/o A Krishnappa) All the piece and parcel of property bearing New Sy No.3/5 old Sy No.3, Vijanapura Village, JadigenahalliHobli, Hosakote Taluk, Measuring 10 ½ Guntas,

East : Property bearing Sy No.5/1,
West : Property bearing Sy No.2 and Remaining portion of Sy No.3,
North : Sarkari Kunte,
South : Private Property.

Item-II: (Owner name - **M Jaiakshmi** W/o A Muniswamy) All the piece and parcel of property bearing New Sy No.3/7 old Sy No.3/1, Vijanapura Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Measuring 10 Guntas,

East : Property belongs to Deepa,
West : Property belongs to Preetm Chand P Madvani,
North : Property belongs to Parvatthamma,
South : Road,

Item-III: (Owner name - **R Vijay Prakash** S/o Kuppuswamy Rajagopal) All the piece and parcel of property bearing New Sy No.3/13 old Sy No.3, Vijanapura Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Measuring 10 Guntas,

East : Property belongs to Deepa,
West : Road,
North : Sarkari Kunte,
South : Property Belongs to K Gajendra,

Item-IV: (Owner name - **K Gajendra** S/o A Krishnappa) All the piece and parcel of property bearing New Sy No.4/7, old Sy No.4/1 Vijanapura Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Measuring 08 Guntas,

East : Property belongs to Babu,
West : Property belongs to Sandeep Puri,
North : Road and Sy No.5/1,
South : Property belongs to Shrikanth and Badrinath,

Item-V: (Owner name-**Deepa** W/o Dinesh Chakravarthi) All the piece and parcel of property bearing Sy No.5/1 Vijanapura Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Measuring 35 Guntas,

East : Property belongs to Babu Reddy,
West : Property baring Sy No.3,
North : SarkariKunte,
South : Property bearing Sy No.4/1.

VAKIL LEGAL CHAMBERS
Advocates & Consultants,
Office @: No 54, 2nd Floor, C Leela Prakash Nilaya, 2nd Main Road,
Old Madras Road, Benniganahalli, Bangalore-560016. Ph: 97398 94247



**KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS
DEVELOPMENT BOARD**
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

No.49, 4th & 5th Floor, East Wing, Khanija Bhavan,
Race Course Road, Bengaluru – 560001.

Phone No. 080-22265383 Website: www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENG/ETND-EP-52/18176/2022-23 **Date: 30.01.2023**

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK e – Procurement Portal Only)

Item rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited for the works mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors holding valid Class-I (Civil) issued from KPWD, Government of Karnataka who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following works of (1). Formation of Industrial Layout Including Formation of 24M Wide, 18M Wide & 15M Wide Roads, Including Asphalting, Construction of RCC Side Drains, RCC Cross Drainage Works, SWD and HDPE Water Supply Pipe Line at Railway Parallel Block, for Hassan Industrial Area, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District. (2). Formation of Industrial Layout Including Formation of 24M Wide, 18M Wide & 15M Wide Roads, Including Asphalting, Construction of RCC Side Drains, RCC Cross Drainage Works, SWD, OHT, GLSR. RWH and HDPE Water Supply Pipe Line at Kachanayakanahalli Block, for Hassan Industrial Area, Hassan Taluk, Hassan District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : 10.02.2023 upto 04:30 pm.

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the E-Procurement Portal <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-2
KIADB, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/4391/AKAR/22-23

15 **BENGALURU** **TUESDAY 31.01.2023** **THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS** **newindianexpress.com**

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)

Office of the Executive Engineer,
Harangi Rehabilitation Division,
Kushalnagar – 571234,
Somwarpet Taluk, Kodagu District

 **Tel. No. : 08276 – 274365**
Fax. No. : 08276 – 274365
e-mail : neehrdhka@gmail.com
Karnataka State.

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION No: 26/2022-23 Dt: 30.01.2023

(Through e-procurement Portal Only-Short term)

Item Rate tenders are invited on e-procurement basis by the Executive Engineer, Harangi Rehabilitation Division, Kushalnagar, Somwarpet Taluk, Kodagu District on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from eligible contractors for the Dam Improvements works and Periyapatta lift irrigation canal Survey work in Kushalnagar and Periyapatta taluk respectively. Estimate value of the works varies from **Rs. 15.00 lakhs to Rs. 98.00 Lakhs.**

The contractors can have access/download tender document from e-procurement portal and the last date to submit the filled tender document is **07-02-2023 till 4.00 PM**. Technical bid will be opened on **08-02-2023 at 4.30 PM** onwards and Financial bid will be opened after the approval of Technical Bid. All the information is available on e-procurement web-site address <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in>.

Tender processing fee as stipulated in the e-procurement portal is applicable for each work. Additional information can be obtained from the undersigned during the office hours.

Executive Engineer,
Harangi Rehabilitation Division, Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Niyamitha
Kushalnagar, Somwarpet Taluk, Kodagu District – 571234, Karnataka



KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.: SEE/T(W&M)/EEE/OJ/AEE-1/MYS/22-23/6130 Dated : 30.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites bids vide the below mentioned bid enquiry No.

(1) KPTCL/SEE/TWM/Mys/R&M/Paint/303A Dt.24.03.2022. Name of the work: Supply and painting of Towers pertaining to TL&SS Division Hootgally. **(2) KPTCL/SEE/TWM/Mys/R&M/Paint/303B Dt.24.03.2022.** Name of the work: Supply and painting of Towers pertaining to Mandya TL&SS Division N.R. Mohalla, Mysuru. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging into e-procurement website: <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> with hyperlink e-Procurement- KPTCL or <https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> on or after **01.02.2023**. Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (EI), Transmission (W & M) Circle, KPTCL , 1st Floor, Prasarana Bhavana, N.R. Mohalla, Mysore - 570 007.
Phone : 0821-2455018, Fax: 0821-2437019

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my client is intending to purchase the Schedule Property from **Smt.ARUNA AGARWAL** W/o Sri.Pavankumar Agarwal, aged about 50 years, Rist No.42 903, SNI Raj Lake View, Phase 2, Ranka Colony Road, Bilekahalli, Bangalore-560076 and **SMT.KAMAL AGARWAL** W/o Sri.Krishna Kumar Agarwal, Aged about 57 years, R/at No.463, 4th Main, 6th Cross, J.Nagar, 3rd Phase, Bangalore-560078, who have represented to my client that they are the absolute owners/Joint owners of the Schedule Property.

Any Persons, financial institutions and statutory authorities who claim any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property and/or has any objections of any nature to the aforesaid transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within **TEN DAYS** hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my client would proceed to complete the transaction with the present owner thereof .

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that Part and Parcel of Residential Property bearing BBMP Khata no.959/220/12, Old Site no. 12, carved out of Converted Sy.No.8/2A-2 [Converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No.B.DS. ALN SR (S)452/1998-97, dated 20-05-1997, issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District], situated at Yelenahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, site measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South 80 ft, totally site measuring 4000 Sq.ft, Presently within the limits of BBMP Ward no.192, along with building comprising of Parking and a Rooms in the Stilt floor, and Residential houses in the Ground floor, First Floor, Second Floor & Third Floor and bounded on :

East by : Sy.No.14/2, West by : Site No.11,
Northby : Road, Southby : Site No.13.

S.A.MARUTI PRASAD, Advocate,
No.13/1, First Floor, IV Cross, IV Main, Gandhinagar,
Bangalore-560069. Mob : 93412-70072.

Bangalore:
30-01-2023



Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Engagement /hiring of Consultant in connection with Youth-20 (Y20) in Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India invites applications for the following:

Sl. No	Position	Vacancy	Age Limit (Not more than)	Period
1	Consultant (Y20)	2	45	For India's G-20 Presidency till February, 2024 on contractual basis.

For details regarding eligibility, scope of work, remuneration etc., please visit the website of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in the following url: <https://yas.nic.in>. Last date of submission of application is within 14 days of the date of issue of Advertisement Notice. Duly filled in applications along with supporting documents may be sent to any of the following mail ids: (i) dharmendra.yadav@nic.in (ii) admn.yas@nic.in **CBC 47107/11/0014/2223**



Indian Bank

Bannerghatta Road Branch
WINDSOR F4, First Floor, Bannerghatta Road, Hulimavu Gate, Bangalore-560076.

APPENDIX-IV-A " [See proviso to Rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immoveable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical (constructive / Symbolic (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Bank, Bannerghatta Road Branch**, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 03/03/2023, for recovery of **Rs.35,49,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Forty nine Thousand and only)** (as on dd/mm/yyyy) due to the Indian Bank, Bannerghatta Road branch, Secured Creditor, from 1) **Mis.Ambika Enterprises**, No.2132, Venkatappa layout, 1st Main Road, Babusapalya, Kalyan Nagar (Post), Bangalore-560043. 2) **Mr.Mr.Elanchezhiyan S/o. Mr.Muthupalani (Prop Mis.Ambika Enterprises)**, Old No.25, Newb No.395, 2nd Floor, Anjanappa Building, Babusapalya, Kalyan Nagar Post, Bangalore-560043. 3) **Mr.A. Raghavendra S/o. Ashwath (Guarantor)**, No.13 & 14, Prashanthi Nilayam, Guru Raghavendra Layout, Next to Supra South City Hospital, JP Nagar, 7th Phase, Bangalore-560078. 4) **Mrs.E.Ambika W/o M.Elanchezhiyan (Guarantor)**, 246, Behind Omsakhthi Temple, Babusapalya, 3rd Cross, Flower Garden, Bangalore-560043.

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

Western portion of house property No.16, House list Khatha No.185/249 SL No.931, with in the limits of BBMP, Babusapalya, Cheikere Dhakle, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore measuring 910 Sq.ft.

Encumbrances on property	
Reserve Price	Rs.35,49,000/-
EMD Amount	Rs.3,55,000/-
Bid incremental amount	Rs. 10000/-
Date and time of e-auction	03/03/2023
Property ID No.	IDIB05286203569

Bidders are advised to visit the website (www.mstccommerce.com) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESH No. 033-22901004 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact ibapfin@mstccommerce.com and for EMD status please contact ibapfin@mstccommerce.com.

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: <https://ibapi.in> and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number "18001025026" and "011-41106131".

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with <https://ibapi.in> and www.mstccommerce.com.

Date: 25.01.2023, Place: Bannerghatta Road Sd/- Authorised Officer, Indian Bank

DOCUMENTS LOST

I, SUPREETHA CHAWAN, D/o Late B.K. Prathap, age 37 years, R/at NO. 861, Sri Raju Rajeshwari Krupa, 3rd Main, Hoskote, Bangalore-560 085, and during November 2020, I came to know that I have lost the original Sale Deed bearing Doc. No. 3167/99-2000, dated 14-10-1999, executed by K. Seethalakshmi in favour of H. Panimala. In spite of my best efforts I could not trace the same and in this regard on 07-01-2023, I had lodged complaint at Police Unit, Bengaluru City, Vide Lost Report No. 043791/2023. If anybody finds the above said document or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or contact me on 8050831547



GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
Projects Circle, Chennai-16

TENDER NOTICE

Letter.No. Tender Notice 09/2022-2023/SDO/Dated. 27.01.2023

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu Item Rate tender through online only will be received upto 22.02.2023 15.00 hours by the **Superintending Engineer (H) Projects Circle, Chennai for One Road Over Bridge work** in respect of **Chennai (H) Projects Division** under the Honorable Chief Minister Announcement under Rule 110 of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Budget sessions 2013-14.

Details of Name of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **03.02.2023** onwards in the Government website <https://tenders.gov.in>. If any Changes / Corrections / Amendments etc to the tender, it will be published on the above Government website only.

DIPR/ 494 /TENDER/2023

Superintending Engineer (H) (A/c), Projects Circle, Chennai - 16

"தேர்தல் விவரம் குறித்து வினாக்கள், கருவிகள், கவனம் ஈர்க்கும் வினாக்கள் பட்டியலில்"



सेन्ट्रल बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया
Central Bank of India

Indira Nagar Branch, No.853 1st Floor, 10th Main, 4th Cross, 2nd Stage, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 038. Phone: 080- 25253320.Mob: 9916102395
Mail lbmbang1425@centralbank.co.in

NOTICE TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

NOTICE U/S 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the **Central Bank of India, Indiranagar Branch** under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) of Chapter-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice/s on above mentioned date, calling upon the following borrower/s/ Guarantor/s to repay the dues within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

Name of the Borrowers: (1) **Mrs. R. Baby**, W/o. Mr. Lakshmana, No. 23, Sri Rama Layout, 1st Main Road, Muthasandra Road, Varthur, Bangalore - 560 066. **2) Mr. Lakshmana** S/o. Muniyappa, No. 23, Sri Rama Layout, 1st Main Road, Muthasandra Road, Varthur, Bangalore - 560 066.

SCHEDULE A: Nature of Facility: Housing Loan, A/c. No. : 3272376674
Limit: Rs.75,00,000/-
Liability as on 30.12.2022: **Rs.1,00,62,708/-** (Rupees One Crore Sixty Two Thousand Seven hundred and Eight only) + interest together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

SCHEDULE : Equitable Mortgage of the immovable property bearing Site No. 1401 formed in Survey No. Old 75/1, New No. 75/6 situated at Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore measuring 7 guntas or 7623 sq. feet and bounded as follows: North by : Remaining portion of the same property sold to Mrs. R. Pramila, South by : Property of R. Subramani, East. by : Property of Mrs. Manjula, West by : Property of Mr. S. Narayanappa.

Date of NPA: 29.12.2022 Demand Notice Date:30.12.2022

The above borrowers committed default of repayment of loans as above and the loans are duly secured by way of mortgage of property described as above and were classified as Non Performing Assets on the date mentioned above. The Bank issued Registered Notice to all the above borrower/Guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (SARFAESI Act) calling upon them to repay the outstanding amount. We now call upon to pay the above mentioned liability with further interest and cost accrued till date within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which, Bank will be constrained to exercise its rights of enforcement of security interest as per Section 13(4) (a) to (b) of SARFAESI act 2002 against the secured assets given in the schedule above. The above borrower/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the above properties and restrained from dealing in term of Section 13 (13) of SARFAESI Act 2002 and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Central Bank of India**, for the accounts mentioned above with further interest and cost, expenses thereon.

Sd/-
Place: Bangalore Authorised officer
Date: 30.01.2023 Central Bank of India

Copy To: **Mr. Lt. Lokesh (Guarantor)**, S/o. Thimma Gowda, No. 441, 2nd Cross, Gandhipura, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560 066.

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SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Corporate Office: #109, Shankar mutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore – 560 004.
www.vcb.co.in, Email: corporate@vcb.co.in PH No. 22956419 / 420

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

It is notified for all concerned that the following property is secured in favour of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd.** and as secured creditor taken possession under SARFAESI Act 2002, will be sold by e-auction on **02.03.2023 "as is where is and as is what is basis"** for recovery of Bank dues. This is a notice to the borrower/s, Mortgagor/s and to the guarantor/s of the below said loan about holding of E-Auction sale on the said date, if their outstanding dues are not repaid in full by the date of auction.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER/S, MORTGAGOR/S & GUARANTOR/S:

1. Smt. Asha Reddy, W/o Sri B.L.Shivarama Reddy, **2.Sri B.L.Shivarama Reddy**, S/o Lakshmi Narayanappa, Both are residing at: No.170, 1st Floor, Khatha No.481/170, Sy No.92 of Kannamangala Grama Panchayat, "HOLLYWOOD TOWN", Illathore Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Dist. AND **1.M/s. Edel Power Solutions** No.17/15/04, Thippapura, Kasaba Hobli, Aralumallige Post, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist. – 561 203. **Represented by its Partners: 2. Sri B.L.Shivarama Reddy** S/o Lakshmi Narayanappa, **3.Smt.Asha Reddy** W/o Sri B.L.Shivarama Reddy, Both are residing at: No.170, 1st Floor, Khatha No.481/170, Sy No.92 of Kannamangala Grama Panchayat, "HOLLYWOOD TOWN", Illathore Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Dist.

The under mentioned property will be sold by "Online e-Auction through website : <https://www.bankeauction.com> on 02.03.2023 for Recovery of an amount for **Rs.2,73,54,263/- (Rupees Two Crore Seventy Three Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty Three Only)** due and payable by you as on **31.12.2022** with further interest, incidental expenses, costs, charges and other expenses thereon.

Description of the property: All that piece and parcel of the property belonging to Smt.Asha Reddy bearing No.170 in Khatha No.481/170 (153000200401101641), measuring 3760 sq.ft. with residential house, on the aforesaid site, measuring 3330 sq.ft. built up area with Ground (1552 sq.ft.) and first floor (1778 sq.ft.) falling under Survey No.92 of Kannamangala Grama Panchayat, in the private Layout known as "HOLLYWOOD TOWN" carved out of Sy No.87/1, 88/1, 91,92,90/2 & 102/2, illathore Village, Kundana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Dist. together with the right of use common facilities in the property and bounded on : East by : Plot No.169 of Hollywood Town West by : Plot No.171 of Hollywood Town North by : Compound wall of Hollywood Town, South by : Service Road of Hollywood Town.

Reserve Price	Rs.2,06,10,000/- (Rupees Two Crores Six Lakhs Ten Thousand Only)
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs.20,61,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Only)
Bid increment Amount	Rs.2,06,100/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Six Thousand One hundred Only)
Last date for submission of tender form along with EMD and KYC documents	01.03.2023 UPTO 4.30 P.M.
Date and time of opening of online offers	02.03.2023, Thursday, from 10.30 AM to 11.30 AM (with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes)
Bank account in which EMD to be remitted.	Through EFT/ NEFT/ RTGS/ Demand drafts/ Bankers cheque in favor "Sir M Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited, Bangalore" Branch: RAJARAJESHWARI NAGAR, Mob : 9480133225 Branch Code: 011016100000001 IFSC Code: MVCB0000011

1) The Immoveable Property will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, WHATEVER THERE & WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS". As such sale is without any kind of warranties & indemnities. 2) For participation in the auction the intending bidders have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price of the property being caution deposit through EFT/ NEFT/RTGS for above concerned branch. The Demand Draft/Banker's Cheque/Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Auction Sale Notice. 3) The property 'SHALL NOT be sold below the reserve price 4) The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price, including EMD amount already deposited, immediately on acceptance of bid price by the Authorized Officer i.e. before closure of business hours on the same day or not later than next working day and the balance 75% of the sale price on or before 15th day from confirmation of sale. Default in deposit of any of the above mentioned amount(s) within the period stipulated herein by the successful bidder would entail forfeiture of the entire money already deposited and Properties shall be put to auction again and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim / right in respect of Properties/ amount deposited. 5) The successful bidder shall bear all the necessary expenses like applicable stamp duties / additional stamp duty/transfer charges, Registration expenses, fees etc. for transfer of the property in its/his/her name. 6) The Authorized Officer/Bank is not bound to accept the highest offer and has the absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/postpone / cancel the e-Auction or withdraw any property or portion thereof from the auction proceedings at any stage without assigning any reason there for. 7) The property can be inspected by the intending bidder **between Date: 01.03.2023 before 04.30 PM** at his expenses at the address mentioned in the schedule. 8) The sale shall be subject to provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. 9) The intending bidders shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc., of the property. 10) Please refer to the link <https://www.bankeauctions.com> and **website: www.vcb.co.in** for detailed terms and conditions of the sale. 11) All disputes, differences and controversies between the parties are subject to Bangalore Jurisdiction only. **STATUTORY 30/15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT 2002:** This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to borrowers /mortgagors and Guarantors of the above said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date. The borrower / guarantors/ mortgagors are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

This Publication is also 30 days notice stipulated under rule 8(6) or Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the above Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors.

Note: The intending bidder/purchaser may visit to bank's website www.vcb.co.in for detail terms and conditions regarding auction proceeding

Date: 30.01.2023
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M.Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank Ltd.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ (ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ)
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಧಾರವಾಡ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ
ಕ್ರಮಂ : ಕಾನಿಇಂಧಾ/ಖಿಡಿ-2/ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ/2022-23/9565 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 27/01/2023

ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ I.F.T-KW-2 ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯದ್ಧ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ)

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Notice in relation to non-exercising of the call option by Embassy Office Parks REIT ("Embassy REIT") in respect of Non-Convertible Debentures aggregating to ₹1,500,00,00,000 ("Debentures") issued by Embassy REIT pursuant to a Debenture Trust Deed dated September 08, 2020 ("Deed") executed between Embassy REIT and SBICAP Trustee Company Limited as the debenture trustee ("Debenture Trustee").

Pursuant to terms of the Deed, Embassy REIT had issued and allotted Debentures aggregating of ₹ 750,00,00,000 ("Series II Tranche A") to the Debenture Holders on September 09, 2020 (Deemed Date of Allotment) and aggregating to ₹ 750,00,00,000 ("Series II Tranche B") to the Debenture Holders on October 27, 2020. As per the terms of the said issuances, Embassy REIT has an option to redeem the Debentures in full on three Call Option Dates. As on the date of this advertisement, none of the Call Option Dates have expired and Embassy REIT has the right to redeem the Debentures on the date falling on the expiry of each of 30 months, 33 months, 36 months, respectively, from the Deemed Date of Allotment. The first Call Option Date under the Deed is March 09, 2023.

In view of the above, please be informed that Embassy REIT has decided not to redeem any of the Debentures on the First Call Option Date. The details of ISINs of the Debentures are given below:

Particulars	ISIN	Scrip Code
Series II Tranche A	INE041007035	959990
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An intimation dated January 27, 2023, in relation to Embassy REIT's decision not to exercise the Call Option has been sent electronically through e-mail to all Debenture Holders whose email IDs are registered with the depository.

Accordingly, we confirm that we will not issue the Call option Notice or exercise the Call Option available to us on the First Call Option Date.

For any queries / clarifications with regard to the above, the Debenture holders can contact, KFin Technologies Private Limited, Telephone No: +91 99487 41409, Contact Person: Mr. Ramachandra V V, Email id: ramachandra.v@kfinetech.com with a copy to us at Debtcompliances@embassyofficeparks.com in this regard.

For and on behalf of Embassy Office Parks REIT acting through its Manager, Embassy Office Parks Management Services Private Limited.

Place: Bengaluru

Date: January 27, 2023

Vinitha Menon
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer
A25036

IN THE COURT OF 33rd ACMM, AT MAYO HALL AT BANGALORE
C.C No. 58822 of 2018

Complainant:
1) PRAKASH BHASKARAN,
S/o Mr. K. Baskaran, Aged about 50 years, 179, Adarsh Vista, Basavanagar Main Road, Vithuburpura, Bangalore-560038. Represented by its POA Holder Mr. Srinidhi Hattwar, S/o K.S. Rashupathi Hattwar, aged 33 years old.

...Complainant
AND: 1) M/s LIFEBORD EDU SOLUTIONS PVT. LTD.,
A Company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 having its registered offices at 1st Floor, 364-365, 9th Main Road, Dollars Colony, J.P. Nagar, 4th phase, Bangalore-560078. Having its office also at: S1, Prashanthi Niketan, Prashanthi Ex, Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066, represented by its managing Director Mr. Ravindra V.V.

...Accused No.1
2) RAVINDRA V.V. Aged about 50 years, Father's name not known, Managing Director, Lifeboard Edu. Solutions Pvt Ltd, R/rat #D, 506, 507, Pride Apartments, Blekahalli, Bannerghatta Main Road, Bangalore-560076.

Also at: S1, Prashanthi Niketan, Prashanthi Ex, Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066
...Accused No.2
NOTICE
WHEREAS the Complainant above named has made an application under Section 82 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 for issuance of proclamation in the name of the above Accused, A Complaint has been filed against the Accused under Section 138 read Section 142 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 before the 33rd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Mayo Hall Unit.

Be it known that no Caveat has been lodged and the aforesaid Complaint is posted for the appearance of the Accused on 01.03.2023 at 11.00 A.M in the Court mentioned above. The above named Accused must appear before the above named Court and attend the proceedings before Hon'ble Magistrate.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 23.01.2023.
By Order of the Court, Sheristadar
XXXIII A.C.M.M. Court, Bangalore
Advocate for Petitioners
CrestLaw Partners,
Advocate & Solicitors
No. 33, 1 Cross, Victoria Road,
Xavier Layout, Bangalore-560076.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the public that our client **Mrs. Valsala Raj**, wife of Mr. M.K.R. Pillai, aged 59 years, R/at No. 700, Raj Valsam, 21st Cross, 22nd Main Road, HSR Layout, Sector - II, Bangalore 560 102, is the sole and absolute owner of property bearing Site No.2, being Old Grama panchayath Khatha No. 197, New Khatha No. 197/1/2, New E Khatha No. 15030020400100639, in property No. 190, which property is more particularly mentioned in the schedule below, had acquired the same under an Absolute Sale Deed, dated 10-02-2015, registered as document bearing No.DNH-1-1159/2014-15, of Book-1, stored in CD No.DNH-0535, in the office of Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli, which property is more fully described in the Schedule given hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the schedule property. It is stated that the above said Sale deed has either been lost or misplaced irretrievably and accordingly police complaint has also been filed. Any person's having custody or possession of the above said original documents may kindly hand-over to the undersigned, or having any claim over the schedule property, may submit their claim, in writing, along with copies of documents relied upon to support such claim, to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of this Publication, failing which it will be presumed and treated that there are no claims over the said property and the certified copies duly obtained from the jurisdictional Sub Registrar office shall be treated as original deeds henceforth.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.2, being Old Gramapanchayath Khatha No. 197, New Khatha No. 197/1/2, New E Khatha No. 15030020400100639, in property No. 190, formed in Converted Sy. No. 72 of Kannamangala Village, Converted vide Conversion Order No.B Dis ALN SR.44/73-73, dated 17-04-1980, now known as "Podar Park", measuring East to West 40 Feet, and North to South 120 Feet, in all measuring 4800 Sq.Ft., Situate at Kannamangala Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on the East by: Site No. 1, West by: Site No.2A, North by: Site No.4A, South by: 40 Feet Road.

GEORGE JOSEPH KUNDAKASSERY
Torach Legal, Advocates & Consultants
No. 121/123, 2nd Main, C.L. Layout, Hosur Main Road, Bangalore-560029.
Mob: 9844154041

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALURU
O.S. 368/2021

Between: Mr. Dale Fernandez,
Aged about 32 years,
S/o Mr. Candide Theodore Fernandez,
Residing at Flat No.A1, Dzure, New No.24,
3rd A Cross, Kacharakanahalli, HRBR Layout,
Bangalore-560 084.
Represented by S/P.A Holder Plaintiff

And:
Ms. Sara Mammen & Ors. ...Defendants
SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION TO THE DEFENDANT
No. 1 to 4

Ms. Sara Mammen, Aged about 46 years,
D/o Smt. Rachel Mammen,
Nasler, Jayaden Johnson,
Aged about 13 years
S/o Mrs. Sara Mammen,
Baby Rachel Johnson, Aged about 10 years,
D/o Mrs. Sara Mammen,
Baby, Tiara Johnson, Aged about 20 years,
D/o Mrs. Sara Mammen,
All the Defendants are residents of No. 12/5,
Sunny Nivas, Udipi, Bangalore-560 008.

Whereas the Plaintiff has filed a Suit for money recovery for claim of Rs.30,20,000/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only) payable by the Defendants jointly and severally to the Plaintiff together with an interest at the rate of 18% from the date of filing the suit till the realization of the said amount along with a sum of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only) as damages towards costs, losses and expenses. You are hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or through an Advocate on 04.03.2023 at 11 'O' clock in the forenoon before the XIII Adst. City Civil Judge (CCH-44), City Civil Court Complex, Bangalore to answer as to why relief prayed for should not be granted failing which the petition will be disposed as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 24th day of January 2023

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the undivided share, interest of 448 Sq.ft in the immovable property bearing Flat No.102 & 103, in the First Floor, totally measuring Super Built-up Area 2308 Sq.ft, containing 1150 Sq.Ft. Bedrooms, together with Two covered Car Parking Spaces, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircases, Terrace, contained in the multi-storied building known as "UNITED HOMES" situated at: Site Nos.43.44 & 45, having khatha Nos. 27/1-43, 27/1-44 and 27/1-45, BBMP ward No. 89, totally measuring 7238 Sq.ft and presently bears a common BBMP Khatha No.2, PID No. 89-84-2, at 3rd A Cross, Kacharakanahalli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore.

By the Seal of the
Assistant Registrar
City Civil Court Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiff: Ms. Kapil Dixit & Co.
No. 210-212, B-wing, 2nd floor, Mittal Towers,
MG Road, Bangalore 560001

Indian Overseas Bank
ISRO View Branch (1061), 3274, 11th Main Road, HAL 2nd Stage, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru-560008, Karnataka. E-mail ID: iob1061@iob.in

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) and guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Overseas Bank, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 07.03.2023 for recovery of Rs.38,54,637/- as on 31.12.2022 + undebited interest and costs incurred thereon at contractual rates and rests, besides costs/charges incurred till the date of repayment in full less repayments if any, made by the borrower due to the Indian Overseas Bank, Secured Creditor from the borrower (s) & Guarantors:

1. Mr. V.Sathyanarayanan, 38/2, 1st Main Road, Mount Joy Extension, Hanumantha Nagar, Bangalore-560019.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY
SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of site bearing Nos. 586, Old Khatha No.2, present BBMP Khatha No.680/685/2/5/6, situated at Bikasipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, BBMP Ward No.197, Vasanthapura, Bengaluru, measuring East to West, on the Northern side 57 Feet, Southern side: 60 feet, North to South; on the Eastern side 60 feet and on the Western side: 95 feet in all 4533.75 sq.ft and bounded on the East by: Site No.5, West by: Private property, North by: Vasanthapura Road, South by: Private property.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of Two Bed Room, Residential Flat No.203, constructed on the 1st floor of the Schedule 'A' property, together with 272 sq.ft of undivided right, title and interest in the land, with a Super Built Up area measuring 1150 Sq.Ft, constructed in the apartment building known as "SIRI ANNEX" walls constructed with cement and bricks, front door leak wood, remaining flush doors, steel windows, with vitrified tiles flooring and provided with all civic amenities and together with single open Car parking space in the stilt floor and with proportionate share in the common areas, entrances, staircases, passages, corridors, lifts etc., provided in Schedule 'A' property.

RESERVE PRICE: Rs.47,50,000/-

EARNEST MONEY DEPOSIT (EMD): Rs.4,75,000/-

BID INCREASE AMOUNT: Rs.10,000/-

Date and time of e-auction: 07.03.2023 between 11:00 A.M. to 04:00 P.M. (time) with auto extension of 10 minutes each till sale is completed at the platform of <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi>.

Inspection Date & Time: The Property can be inspected in during hours 10:00 AM till 05:00 PM, from 30.01.2023 till 04.03.2023. The intending bidders may contact Indian Overseas Bank, ISRO View Branch Address:- 3274, 11th Main Road, HAL 2nd Stage, Indira Nagar, Bangalore-560022.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the service providers link or bank's website <https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi>

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 31-01-2023
Sd/- Authorized Officer
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FIH COULD KEEP COMING BACK TO INDIA

Thanks to the skewed nature of economics, the FIH would have no choice but to keep coming back to India to host some of its bigger events in the short-term and medium-term nature. While their point is it makes business sense to do it, critics may argue that it could lead to a point where some of the other countries may not even bother bidding to host events. This is not to knock the conduct of this World Cup. By all accounts, all the teams this paper spoke to loved the hospitality and the new facility in Rourkela.

India have hosted three of the last four World Cups and could be in line to host another big-ticket FIH event in the near future

DATA REMAINS A BONE OF CONTENTION

The FIH has held two press conferences during the World Cup. And both times it has run into trouble while answering questions regarding availability of statistics, numbers and past records. That a vast majority of records is missing — something that the FIH have come on record to say multiple times — doesn't help the body. It also doesn't help when it comes to researching.

AUSTRALIA, ONLY CHALLENGERS TO EUROPEAN ELITE

The last two World Cups have seen Europeans dominate the latter stages of the tournament, taking six of the eight slots on offer. On both occasions, Australia emerged as the lone challenger finishing as losing semifinalists both times. There are many theories as to why this is the case but the main reason is the club structure automatically gives Europe a big advantage when compared to the other regions in the world. That there has been at least one European nation in the final of the World Cup since 1978 is a testament to this point.

1975 Last time the final of a World Cup witnessed an all non-European final (India vs Pakistan in Kuala Lumpur).



Australia reached semis before settling for 4th spot

With the 15th edition of the World Cup coming to an end, a look at some of the wider trends during the last 20 days.

Hock-eye view

PENALTY CORNERS AND A WEB OF ISSUES

As far as the sport is concerned, penalty corners are pure theatre. It's a made for TV event just because of the anticipation, drama and the excitement it creates. But it could also be very unsafe. Thankfully, there haven't been many big injuries at this event. There have also been conversations around the decreasing conversion rates from shot corners. While that was observed in Odisha as well, there hasn't been any overall decrease when you compare penalty corner goals as a percentage of total goals scored. It's remained between 33-38% for a while now.

UPSETS TOO FEW

South Korea reaching the quarterfinals at Argentina's expense was a wonderful story but there haven't been many upsets. The top four seeds, according to the FIH, comprised the semifinals. Apart from South Korea's fairytale, India failing to beat New Zealand was the only other genuine 'wow' moment in terms of an upset. It speaks of how elite the elite teams are in this sport. And with Germany coming back into the picture after failing in the last few tournaments, the sport's elite are operating at a totally different level when compared to the other teams.

6 The top six ranked nations lost one match between them before Finals day. And that was Germany who scored the winner with six seconds remaining on the clock (India and England lost via shoot-outs).

NOT A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD

This may be true for every sport in the world but in hockey there remains the added challenge of players crowdfunding or self-funding to events like the World Cup. Less than a month before their maiden World Cup, Wales began a crowdfunding to ensure their flight charges could be covered. Then, they faced India, one of the most well-funded teams anywhere on the planet. That's the level of difference that exists in this sport.



South Korea

FIH'S MIXED MESSAGE ON SUSTAINABILITY

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) are making a big push to make the sport sustainable. With a view to that, their big push is for the future where turfs will not be watered. At least that was what was said at a press conference by FIH president, Tayyab Ikram. While it's an initiative that ought to be lauded, not everything in this tournament has been environment friendly. Take for instance the two sets of firecrackers that was burst every time a team scored a goal. Sure, it may look good on TV but if you truly want a sustainable future, these little things matter the most.

ENDGAME: REID STEPS DOWN AS INDIA COACH

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THE only surprising thing about the whole thing has been the speed at which it has unravelled. When Graham Reid refused to commit

his short-term future following a routine win over Japan in a classification match last week, the writing was clear. For all intents and purposes, the Australian coach was already on his way out.

"I have signed through till Paris (Olympics in 2024)," he had said after the game. "I have signed a contract. But we'll review I assume at the end of this (World Cup). But the next game is what I'm focussing on." His 'next game' — South Africa as it turned out — turned out to be his final match as chief coach of the men's national hockey team. On Sunday night, he asked the team to assemble for a meeting where he exchanged pleasantries and bid them farewell. He also reminded the players of what they were capable of on the field after he had broken the news to them.

On Monday, Hockey India confirmed that Reid and two assistant coaches — Greg Clark (analytical coach) and Mitchell Pemberton (scientific advisor) — accepted their resignation letters and they will leave their posts after serving a one month notice period. "It is now time for me to step aside and handover the reins to the next management," Reid was quoted as saying by HI. "It has been an honour and privilege to work with the team and Hockey India and I have enjoyed every moment of this epic journey. I wish the team all the very best."

Considering the quiet disquiet between both parties, this was always going to be the logical endgame and perhaps could have happened even before the World Cup. In fact, HI were open to the idea of letting Reid go a few months after he had coached



In what turned out to be Reid's final assignment, India finished joint 9th in front of home fans | DEBADATTA MALLICK/EXPRESS



the national team to an Olympic bronze in Tokyo. After India, fielding a slightly experimental side in the Asian Champions Trophy at Dhaka, returned with only a bronze, murmurs of disapproval could be heard in the corridors of HI. But HI officials failed to reach a consensus and Reid, who had enough goodwill in the bank, remained in the job.

But, the frustration was clearly visible on him as well, even a year ago. While HI didn't like some of the results, Reid had noted that one of his main support staff was allowed to walk. Robin Arkell, who had played such a pivotal role in making the Indian men's side one of the fittest in the world, walked soon after the Olympics. It was very clear a failure on the part of HI who, by all accounts, didn't even attempt to try and retain his services (these days, India's fitness requirement is very basic compared to the standards that was being demanded by Arkell). One very popular replacement was waiting to be called but the call never went. The end

REID'S TIME 2019

May: Tour of Australia
June: Series Finals
August: Tokyo Test Event
September-October: Belgium Tour
November: Olympics qualifiers

MEDALS WON • Bronze: Olympics, Asian Champions Trophy
• Silver: Commonwealth Games • First: Series Finals

result was the team went without a proper trainer on board for a significant period of time. All this contributed to a below par 2022 where the team frequently found itself lacking in fitness, an area where they were masters in previously. That was most evident in that lop-sided 7-0 defeat in the Commonwealth Games final against Australia.

While it was possible that Reid could have been asked to leave after that final, it was too close to the World Cup to take that call. So, the status quo continued. By the time the team where in the camp in Bengaluru

2020-21
January 2020-May 2021: Pro League
February-March 2021: Europe Tour
March-April 2021: Argentina Tour
July-August 2021: Olympics
November-December 2021: Junior World Cup
December 2021: Asian Champions Trophy

in December a month before the World Cup, there was an unease within. Some had privately begun to wonder if Tokyo was a peak and not the start of something special.

Next test is world champions

As soon as HI president, Dilip Tirkey, made it known that the body would be asking questions — as they are entitled to do — it was going to be a matter of time. While there are conflicting reports (was he asked to go or did he walk or was it a mix of both), one thing HI don't have is time. They have to bring

2022
February-June: Pro League
May-June: Asia Cup*
July-August: Commonwealth Games
From October: 22-23 edition of Pro League
November-December: Tour of Australia

2023
January: World Cup

in new staff in time for the next batch of Pro League games, scheduled to be held in Rourkela from March 10. India face Germany and Australia twice in a matter of a week before they travel to London for games against Belgium and Great Britain in May.

The big assignment, though, is the Asian Games in September which will double up as an Olympic qualifier. Tirkey has a big contacts book so there will be no problems in reaching out to coaches but will they be receptive to the idea? Time will answer that question.

Big test for Tirkey & Co

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HOCKEY India had a few months after the 2018 World Cup. They could afford to take a backseat, talk to all relevant stakeholders, take temperatures before coming to the conclusion that a change of guard was needed. In hindsight, it was the right decision was Graham Reid helped in delivering an Olympic medal. Now that they have taken the decision 'to move on towards a new approach to our team', in the words of HI president Dilip Tirkey, it presents Tirkey with his first big test as president of the body. Sure, as head of the host association, he oversaw the conduct of what was, by all accounts, a very successful World Cup (at least according to the International Hockey Federation).

But make no mistake, this is a decision that HI could have avoided. But now that they have arrived at this conclusion, they don't have time to waste. Apart from appointing a chief coach, they also have to bring on board a whole bevy of backroom staff including an analytical coach as well as an elite scientific trainer. With India's fitness not up to scratch, HI can ill afford to allow the team to continue to drift in this department. Apart from that, they will also have to make a decision over the thorny issue of captaincy. Elite teams usually don't bother about who gets to wear the armband but in India, there is always a debate over this appointment. Is Harmanpreet Singh okay in being the captain — in a fast-paced sport like hockey, a captain is usually left with many off-field work rather than work on the field — or would he gave it away?

The other field Tirkey has to take a call on is the appointment of a mental coach. Reid made his position clear in the last week or so. Pundits like Ric Charlesworth too have made their position clear so now it's between Tirkey and the players and the new head coach. Will the new head coach — whoever that is — be comfortable working with a mental coach? Do the current batch of Indian players feel comfortable in approaching a mental coach to discuss their insecurities? These are the questions Tirkey is faced with. The answers he arrives at could decide India's short to medium-term future.

TOP SCORERS (GOALS)

Hayward Jeremy (AUS)	9
Tom Boon (BEL)	8
Victor Charlet (FRA)	8
Jip Janssen (NETH)	6
Thierry Binkman (NETH)	7
Niklas Wellen (GER)	7

MOST GOALS BY A TEAM (GOALS)

Netherlands	32
Argentina	28
Australia	28
Germany	26
India	22
Belgium	21

FINAL RANKING

01	Germany
02	Belgium
03	Netherlands
04	Australia
05	England
06	Spain
07	New Zealand
08	South Korea
09	Argentina
10	India
11	South Africa
12	Wales
13	France
14	Malaysia
15	Chile
16	Japan

Player of the Tournament	Niklas Wellen (GER)
Top-Goalscorer	Jeremy Hayward (AUS)
Goalkeeper of the Tournament	Vincent Vanasch (BEL)
Young Player of Tournament	Mustapha Cassiem (SA)
Fair Play Award	Belgium

This is one of the best World Cups ever, one of the best events in global hockey. It was a great experience for the local population and for the participating teams and athletes. We are in discussion with the Odisha government on how this marvellous infrastructure is used in future. The best way to appreciate this infrastructure is to bring back a top level hockey event in Odisha. There has been a dramatic increase in the television viewership of this World Cup.

Tayyab Ikram, FIH president

This triumph is incredible, I don't have any words to describe this feat. We came back from 0-2 down in the quarterfinals, semifinals and now in the final. You cannot now say it is luck, it is due to the quality in this team. We had the belief throughout that we can win this World Cup.

German coach Andre Henning after win

It is disappointing not to have won this World Cup. But we are proud of this group which has done incredibly well in the last few years. Every opponent had been looking for an opportunity and ways to win against us in these years. Now, it is our turn to try and find an answer in the next one and half years.

Belgium head coach Michel van den Heuvel

We have not thought that we will finish like this (at joint ninth). But we have not lost a single match in this World Cup (lost to New Zealand in a penalty shootout after a 3-3 draw). Except for the third and fourth quarters (when India conceded a goal each) against New Zealand, we have played well.

India captain Harmanpreet Singh

WC champ's household revel

GOMESH S @Chennai

SOUMYA Tiwari's house is still abuzz with activities after all the attention she has received since Sunday. Her family members are still pinching themselves to see if it is a dream. Less than 24 hours ago (as on Monday), Soumya hit the winning runs against Eng-

land U-19 to help India win their first-ever ICC trophy. "Everyone is still thinking this to be a dream... Because of the news flooding social media and the newspapers covering it, the reality is finally sinking in," says an elated Sakshi Tiwari, Soumya's sister, from Bhopal.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Oz to train in Alur ahead of Test series

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

GIVEN the fact that they last won a Test series in India in 2004-05, Australia are leaving no stone unturned to change the script this time around. With no warm-up games ahead of the four-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy, the Aussies had a short pre-series camp on a spin-

friendly track in Sydney with SG balls. And to get the feel of India, they will be having a short stint at Bengaluru after their arrival on Wednesday before shifting to Nagpur, the venue of the first Test starting from February 9. The Aussies will train at the KSCA Cricket Ground in Alur, Bengaluru (Karnataka) before shifting to

Nagpur. The four-day camp for the visiting team in Alur will be held under the watchful eyes of the National Cricket Academy (NCA). "We are only providing them the facilities in Alur but the camp will be arranged and looked after by the NCA," said a Karnataka State Cricket Association office-bearer.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Satwik-Chirag pull out of Thailand Open

BANGKOK: Commonwealth Games champion Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty will miss the Thailand Open Super 300 badminton tournament after the former failed to completely recover from his hip injury suffered recently. Saina Nehwal also pulled out.

McIlroy wins Dubai Desert Classic by 1 shot

DUBAI: Rory McIlroy overcame a final-round charge from Patrick Reed to win the Dubai Desert Classic in a tense Monday duel between players who were involved in a pre-tournament spat. McIlroy rolled in a birdie putt from around 15 feet at No 18 for a 4-under 68 that left him a stroke clear of Reed.



COMEBACK KINGS GERMANY

Germany (black jersey) made another comeback to beat Belgium (in white jersey) in the final of the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar on Sunday. After the match ended in 3-3 draw, Germany bettered last edition's champions 5-4 in penalty shootout for their third World Cup title. In the third place play-off match, the young Netherlands team (right) beat Australia 3-1. Hosts India finished joint ninth | DEBADATTA MALlick



In love with Odisha, its hockey and heritage

People from around the globe share their memorable experiences of the state during the FIH Men's World Cup

TANMAY DAS @ Bhubaneswar

FOR international travellers who arrived in Odisha earlier this month—be it the family members of hockey players or hockey enthusiasts who wanted to witness the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup-2023—Odisha has been nothing short of a unique experience. While some are in awe of the temples and love the local food, others only have praise for the world-class stadiums that the state government has developed for the world cup.

Paul Hendrickx and wife Sandra from Belgium accompanied their son and Belgian hockey champion Alexander Hendrickx to Bhubaneswar. A defender, Alexander was the highest goal scorer in the 14th edition of hockey world cup that was also played in Bhubaneswar alongside Blake Govers of Australia. He was also the highest goal scorer in the Tokyo Olympic Games with 14 goals including two hat-tricks against Netherlands and South Africa. In both the hockey events, Belgium had bagged the champion title.

"Unfortunately, he suffered a knee injury in the match against Japan. We will miss him in the final but cheer for our Belgium," said Paul.

Beyond Bhubaneswar, the Hendrickx couple has been to Puri and Konark. "Everything about this state is beautiful, be it its people or food or heritage. Even the air in Bhubaneswar is cleaner than that in most European cities," the couple said.



Australian couple Brad Hayward (left) and Ellic Hayward | DEBADATTA MALlick

While Alexander played the 14th Hockey World Cup, his parents could not make it to the city then. "This year, our son insisted that we come to Bhubaneswar to watch him play," Paul added. With Belgium and Netherlands hosting the next hockey world cup, Sandra hopes that it will be as grand as that in Bhubaneswar. "We do not have big stadiums like Kalinga stadium or the Birs Munda stadium, though," she added.

Like Paul and Sandra, Brad Hayward and his wife Ellic of Australia are cheering for their sons Jeremy and Leon who are playing for Australia and New Zealand respectively. According to Brad, the overnight road trip to Rourkela from Bhubaneswar has been the most memorable experience so far.

"We saw Jeremy's match at Kalinga stadium on January 13 and the same night, we hired a taxi to Rourkela to cheer for our younger son Leon at Birs Munda Hockey stadium. It was



Japanese fans

a memorable road trip. We travelled over 400 km in the same cab and stopped at many places to mingle with locals and enjoy the food. People here are very kind and always willing to help," said Ellic, who was born in New Zealand but later shifted to Australia. A former hockey player herself, she had played for Northern Territory, Australia. The couple's sons earlier played for the Australian team but in the last world cup, Leon failed to confirm his spot in the team as goalkeeper. So, he decided to try his luck in the New Zealand team and got selected in 2019.

Watching his son play at both hockey venues—Kalinga stadium and Birs Munda stadium—is also a memory that Olympian Jacques Brinkman will cherish forever. Brinkman, a former Dutch field hockey player who won gold medals at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta and 2000 Summer Olympics in Sydney, is the father of Netherlands captain and

skipper Thierry Brinkman. "I saw both Kalinga and Birs Munda stadiums. They have created such brilliant facilities at both the places. People too are humble in nature and crazy about hockey which enriches the experience of watching hockey," he said. Brinkman is among the 50-odd supporters from Netherlands who are in Odisha to cheer for the country that bagged the bronze medal by winning over Australia 3-1.

Another hockey enthusiast Krish Wijnants is all praises for the state government for making the hockey venues accessible for differently-abled hockey enthusiasts. Born in Mumbai, Krish works at a bank in Belgium and is partially paralysed following a brain stroke. Despite his health condition, he decided to visit Odisha to cheer for the Belgium team. "I have been here since the first match of the Belgium team. I am going to Rourkela to watch the last league match there. So far, it has been a very good ex-

perience for me," he said. Krish added that both the stadiums have good facilities for differently-abled persons. "They have toilets for specially-abled persons and wheelchairs too. Since I am unable to walk, the volunteers at both the stadiums were a huge help," said Krish who played football before meeting with a knee injury.

Being a footballer, he was a big fan of Belgium national football team Red Devils. "But since they are not playing well these days, I decided to support the Red Lions who are the defending champions of the hockey world cup," said Krish.

From Japan, family members of the participating players Yoshikawa Takashi, Ohashi Masaki, Takade Taiki and Fukuda Kentaro are mesmerised by the Buddhist heritage of the state. "Odisha has some of the world's richest Buddhist heritage sites. We were happy to see the extraordinary sculptures of Lord Buddha at Dhuli Peace Pagoda (Shanti Stupa). We decided to visit this historical monument as it was made by Japan Buddha Sangha and Kalinga Nippon Buddha Sangha," said Yoshikawa's father Takashi.

Although none of them are fluent in English, their stay in Bhubaneswar was never hampered by language issues. "Because, people are very cooperative," Ohashi added. They have also visited Puri Jagannath temple, Sun temple at Konark. "This is our first visit to Odisha and it has been a memorable one," they added.

WC success a massive lift for sport in Rourkela

PRASANJEET SARKAR @ Rourkela

AFTER co-hosting the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup-2023 at the spectacular Birs Munda International Hockey Stadium, Rourkela has all the potential to become one of the prominent sports hub in the country.

From January 13 to 19, the stadium hosted at least four matches on most days which drew massive crowds irrespective of India playing or not. While this proved the naysayers—who questioned the wisdom behind the large investment on setting up the sports infrastructure—wrong, this World Cup has given a renewed confidence to the hockey fraternity.

Rourkela can now take the lead and help the game regain its popularity. The Birs Munda stadium hosted a total of 20 matches during the World Cup.

Senior hockey coach Kalu Charan Chaudhary said during India's matches, the stadium, with 20,000-odd capacity, used to be jam-packed indicating the craze for the sport even among urban dwellers. Chaudhary claimed that this marquee event is going to be the stepping stone in regaining hockey's popularity. Owing to its success, the Odisha government and FIH have decided to organise Hockey Pro League matches at the stadium in March involving India, Germany and Australia.

After the Guinness Book of World Records officially recog-



The Birs Munda Hockey Stadium in Rourkela, Odisha | EXPRESS

nised the Birs Munda stadium as the world's largest-seated hockey stadium, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Sunday said he was thrilled and delighted about it. He also congratulated the people of Odisha. The CM said he was amazed that the Birs Munda stadium was built in a record 15 months.

Officer on special duty for the World Cup in the city and IDCO Managing Director, Bhupendra Singh Poonia, said the world-class stadium is equipped with sophisticated facilities including hydrotherapy, cold and steam bath and modern gymnasium for training and injury recovery.

He said the stadium was constructed using mostly steel and aluminium which is symbolic of the Steel City. The World Cup Village, with 225 rooms of star facilities, also exists on the stadium complex which is directly connected to the airport causing no traffic inconvenience, he added.

CUP OF JOY: MUSIC, FOOD CARNIVAL & MORE

SUDARSAN MAHARANA

@ Bhubaneswar

FROM grand musical concerts, multi-cuisine options and storytelling sessions to a well-curated trail for visitors to explore the state capital's art, culture and cuisines, the second edition of the fortnight-long 'Dot Fest'—organised as part of the hockey carnival this year—was a complete entertainment package for both visitors and locals during the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup-2023.

The impressive fest that concluded on a high note on January 29 drew over 6 lakh visitors from across the globe in 15 days. It recorded over 40,000 visitors a day, making it one of the biggest cultural events the city has ever seen.

Here are some highlights...

Bhubaneswar live show

Bhubaneswar Live, the highlight of the Dot Fest, witnessed performances by a galaxy of stars over a period of 10 days.

Hosted at the IDCO exhibition ground from January 15-24, it saw performances by K-pop band Blackswan, singer Gusha Randhawa and actress Disha Patani at the curtain-raiser. The final event was marked by power-packed shows of celebrated singers like Sukhwinder Singh, Pawandeep Rajan and Arunika Kanjilal.

Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia and Ustad Taufiq Qureshi



Singer Harshdeep Kaur (top) and singer Neeti Mohan (above) | SHIBA PRASAD SAHU

as well as stand-up comedian Sunil Grover and singer Shilpa Rao also performed at the event giving the audience an experience they will cherish till the next Dot Fest.

Around 11 Odia stars including Dipti Rekha Padhi, Pragyan Hota, Lisa Mishra, Rituraj Mohanty, rapper BigDeal, Swayam Padhi, Satyajit Jena and Aseema Panda also mesmerised the audience with their

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FEST

With a footfall of 20,000 people every day, the international food fest was one of the most interesting additions to the Dot Fest. Cuisine from 16 countries that were participating in the World Cup was presented to the people as a part of the food extravaganza. This food carnival included six international stalls and 24 state stalls that were set up to present delicacies from around the globe. The food festival also featured government-run stalls including those of Millet Mission, Mission Shakti and Koraput Coffee. Curated by the Hotel and Restaurant Association of Odisha (HRAO), the International Food Festival got a total business of Rs 2 crore throughout the fortnight.



performance.

Learning traditions via trails

Under the banner of 'Ekamra Walks', this year's festival saw around 2,000 people turn up for over 80 walks. These walks were organised in three categories such as nature trails, food trails and museum trails giving visitors an opportunity to explore the local art and culture of the region, food of the temple town and its traditions. These trails will continue till February 13.

Stories from around world

The Bhubaneswar Storytelling Festival (BhuFesto), a part of the Dot Fest was organised by Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) in collaboration with Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, Odisha Tourism and city-based Bakul Foundation. Storytellers of national and international repute including Neelsh Mishra, Nu-

pur Agrawal, Kuna Tripathy and USA-based Antonio Rocha presented their tales from around the world to people of all age groups.

These story sessions took place in four city parks—Buddha Jayanti Park at Chandrasekharpur, Indira Gandhi Park at Unit II, APJ Abdul Kalam park near SUM Hospital and Kalabhoomi at Pokhaript. They were held from January 14 and 17, between 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm.

BDA vice-chairman Balwant Singh said, students from different schools were also brought and encouraged to narrate their stories during these sessions. "BhuFesto acted as a platform for us to create storytellers from our city," he said.

City's transformation in pics

The Dot Fest 2023 also hosted Sebe-O-Ebe (Then and Now), a photo exhibition of over 450 pictures showcasing the trans-

formation of Bhubaneswar, which was organised by Ramakanta Samantaray. Every day, the exhibition saw an attendance of around 5,000 people

Inclusive celebration

The Dot Fest emerged as a platform of promoting inclusiveness in the city as thousands from underprivileged sections were also invited on many occasions to watch and enjoy the Bhubaneswar Live Show along with other events. People from different walks of life including transgenders, homeless people were offered free passes to enjoy the musical nights at the Exhibition ground, setting an example of a public-friendly and livable city.

"From the beginning of the festival, we have been promoting inclusiveness and equitable representation from all walks of life in celebration of the fest and the Hockey World Cup..." said the BDA VC.

Night flea market gives a unique shopping experience

A flea market (night bazaar) set up by the Bhubaneswar Development Authority (BDA) at Ekamra Haat and Exhibition ground as part of the Dot Fest offered a unique and one-of-its-kind shopping experience to visitors during the Hockey World Cup.

Organised by Sonal N More of the OCALL & ALBA and designed by Ukraine national Yuri and his friend Clemens, the market remained open between 5 pm-12 am from January 15 to 29. It showcased products of over 270 local artisans, new-age designers and entrepreneurs on rotation over a period of 15 days. Apart from 50 stalls at the Ekamra Haat, 35 were set up at the night bazaar, while Utkalika (handicraft cooperation) also set up 33 stalls in the market especially for the Dot Fest.

Products ranging from wooden articles, jewellery, creative items, scarves and stoles for women, sandals and other products were available at this exotic market at attractive prices. Handlooms and handicrafts of Odisha were sold at the stalls set up by Utkalika.

Such was the response to the market that it recorded a turnover of nearly Rs 1 crore within 15 days.

The Night Flea Market also hosted three stages that provided more than 100 regional artists a chance to showcase their handicraft and talent. They entertained visitors with Sambalpuri, Dhamsa, Ghumura, Paika Akhada, Nabadurga, Jodi Shankha and many other folk art for ms. "The three stages were no less than any launchpad for the new artists," said Sonal.

She said the flea market that offered a platform to several entrepreneurs to get connected to a larger market will surely improve their sales margin in the post-festival period.



Night Flea Market at Ekamra Haat and Exhibition ground | EXPRESS

Cricketer Mayank Agarwal, whose recent claim to fame was a double century during the Ranji Trophy, speaks to **CE** about his career, new phase of parenthood, and his relationship with his father-in-law, top cop Praveen Sood

MONIKA MONALISA

THERE has been a lot of discussions on Mayank Agarwal's performance in the previous Indian Premier League (IPL) edition, but the city-based cricketer has managed to put criticism behind with his good form and stellar performance in the ongoing Ranji Trophy. He hit a brilliant double century (208) that helped Karnataka clinch the first innings lead against Kerala. Agarwal says domestic cricket is very important to him. "I look forward to playing tournaments for Karnataka and winning them too," he says.

The cricketer might have lost his place in the Indian cricket team, but lady luck stood by him when he was picked up for a

whopping ₹8.25 crore by Sunrisers Hyderabad. "They got in touch with me after I was released from Punjab Kings. They said they were looking to take me in. I am happy with the way the result turned out. Obviously, it is going to be a new team and I am looking forward to playing with different coaches now. It's going to be a new opportunity with a different franchise," says Agarwal.

While he now speaks about cricket very passionately, two decades ago Agarwal (31) had different plans. As a six-year-old, he aspired to become a pilot. And like many cricketers, he gives the credit of his cricketing career to



Sachin Tendulkar. "I was a studious kid in school but my aspiration was to become a pilot. That was my first career choice. But watching Tendulkar play intrigued me. I wanted to play cricket and luckily I was able to," he shares.

Having played a lot of gully cricket, his parents asked him to try to get into the school team. "I got rejected initially. But I signed up for interclass matches to represent our class. I got a chance and played exceedingly well in those. Our school coach Mr Ram Das happened to watch those games and asked me to practice for the school team," says Agarwal,

adding that incidentally he was the one who initially rejected him.

Now with a busy schedule, there is no looking back. Along with cricket, he's recently entered a new phase of his life having become a parent.

He gets emotional as he speaks about his almost two-month-old son, Aayansh. "I miss the family while I am travelling, but with technology I'm able to stay in touch. I also get to see him. Just looking at him is quite blissful," says a visibly delighted Agarwal.

Due to tours, he often has to skip late-night daddy duties, but he gives full credit to his

family and his wife, Aashita Sood Agarwal, who are extremely supportive of his career. "The time I am home is when I do nappy changes. I actually miss those when I am touring," he laughs.

Very private about his personal life, Agarwal says he is a complete homebody and is quite reserved about his relationship with his father-in-law Praveen Sood, the DGP-IGP (Karnataka). "I am very close to my family and my in-laws. When I am at home, I spend a lot of time with them. I always make sure I am well connected with them," says Agarwal.

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Mayank Agarwal, cricketer



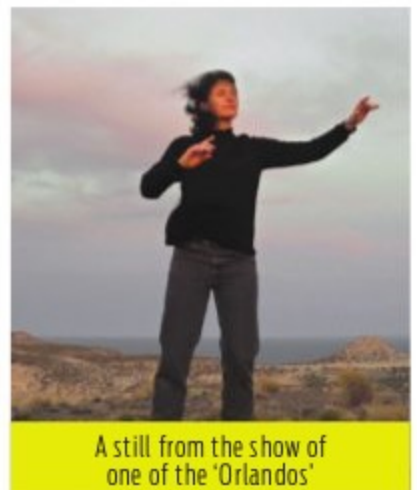
Ahead of their show in Bengaluru on Feb 2 and 3, Julie Beauvais speaks about 'Orlandos' of today, inspirations from Virginia Woolf's novel and how the show reinvents itself every time

LOOKING FOR NOVEL ORLANDOS

TUNIR BISWAS

PERFORMER, director and curator Julie Beauvais looks for an Orlando in every corner of the world. Inspired by Virginia Woolf's *Orlando*, a feminist novel about an androgynous figure, which explores the roles of women in the 18th and 19th centuries. Organised and performed by the New Paradigm Opera, the show, choreographed by Beauvais, found the roots of its creation in many parts of the world, including Berlin, Kinshasa, Marfa, London, Varanasi, Lisboa, Chandolin, Patagonia and the North Sea. Currently on tour in India, *Orlando* has been staged in Manipur, and will soon have its Bengaluru performance on February 2 and 3, at Max Mueller Bhavan - Goethe-Institut India, Indiranagar. The show is free, and the India tour is supported by the Swiss Arts Council Pro Helvetia and Canton du Valais.

Beauvais mentions that *Orlando* has been on the tour for five years now. "We created the project over two years all around the world. The process of its creation itself has been a long one. We first had a European tour and then went to South America. Currently, we are touring India, and next, we will go to



A still from the show of one of the 'Orlandos'

Africa," says Beauvais.

While sharing the same name and taking inspiration from it, Beauvais' *Orlando* and Woolf's *Orlando* are separate entities. "The original novel is less about gender and more about being a precursor to complex identities. That is what I feel is happening to the world right now. We are becoming increasingly complex individually and collectively. We were not looking to tell the story of that book, but instead, we were interested in meeting the 'Orlandos' of today. To find out about these people who were inspiring their communities and families. They don't have to be artists. Just regular people who have opened vast horizons. We stayed with

each 'Orlando' for one month, where we created one movement and filmed the result with each of them," she shares, adding that among some of the 'Orlandos' they found included an old woman in Varanasi.

The show promises to reinvent itself with every performance. For instance, wherever they tour, they take the help of the local carpenters to rebuild their set and invite local sound artists to help them connect all the elements, which Beauvais feels is the most important element to the installation of an opera. For their show in Bengaluru, they are going to be working with city-based musician and composer Yashas Shetty. "We invite a local artist to be in dialogue with the installation. It is different each time. For example, in our shows in Manipur, the musicscape was calm and visceral. But it's going to be different in Bengaluru. From what I can tell from the sound propositions, it's going to be more electronic and urban," says Beauvais.

Originally, the full version of *Orlando* contained seven screens, and the musicians sat in the middle. The audience could either sit with the musicians or look at the whole thing from the outside. "Ever since Covid happened, the transportation costs have been crazy. Hence, we had to organise adapted versions of the show in our India tour. In Bengaluru, it's going to be only one screen containing all the different movements, and Shetty will be in the space interacting with them all. Around the installation, we are going to set up the workshops (to be held in the afternoon) and talks (after the show)," concludes Beauvais.

CITY READ



REVA University celebrates R-Day

On the occasion of 74th Republic Day, REVA University celebrated Republic Day and unfurled the Indian flag in the Saugandhika open air auditorium. Former Lokayukta and former Solicitor General of India Justice N Santosh Hegde was the chief guest for the day. Unfurling the National Flag, he said that the Indian Constitution has become a valuable document that maintains our unity in diversity and there's no other occasion than Republic Day to remember its contribution. He also briefed about the four pillars of the constitution - legislature, executive, judiciary and the media, and how they and they are interconnected. The flag-hoisting ceremony was followed by celebrations and cultural performances at Kuempu Auditorium.

R-Day celebrations at NMIT



The 74th Republic Day was celebrated at Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology on January 26. P B Kotur, author, academician and head - Talent Transformation at Wipro, was the chief guest. Other dignitaries included, Rohit Punja, administrator, NET; H C Nagaraj, principal, NMIT; Rajesh Nandalike, professor and NCC officer,

NMIT along with the NCC cadets of NMIT who participated in last year's Republic Day Parade at New Delhi. "In 1947 we got only independence. But we got freedom only after the adoption of the constitution," said Kotur at the event. The event was followed by cultural programmes by students.

XPRESSFOCUS

Bank of Baroda Organises Pleasure of Giving and Swachata Pakhwada on Republic Day

Bank of Baroda Bengaluru zone celebrated the 74th Republic Day on the eve of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at it Zonal Office, Vijaya Tower, Trinity Circle. The Zonal Head, Sudhakara D Nayak A, General Manager, hoisted the tricolour flag along with B Shivaram, Dy. Zonal Head and Ritesh Kumar, NDGM, Bengaluru zone.

Followed by this, like every year, this year too under 'Pleasure of Giving' initiative, the Zonal Head along with other executives distributed/donated sponsorship cheque worth Rs 51,000 each to two NGOs — Asha Nilaya Girls Orphanage Home and Sri Sai Samrudhi Old Age Home.

Under 'Swachata Pakhwada' launched by the bank's Zonal Office, cleaning items were distributed to NGOs. Swachata Awareness Walk was organised and dust bins were donated to hospitals. Bengaluru North region distributed 200 bags of sanitary pads to Government High School children and also conducted Swachata quiz and distributed certificate and cash prizes.



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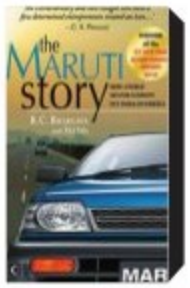
Sin: Stories by Wajida Tabassum

By Wajida Tabassum
 As the author draws the picture of society, the central theme emerges as moral depravity where the women in the stories refuse to be puppets.



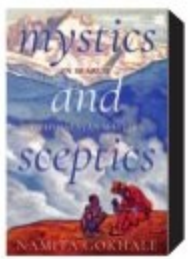
Murder at the Mushaira: A Novel

By Raza Mir
 One morning, Kallu, a retainer at a Delhi haveli, cleaning up after a grand mushaira, discovers a poet stabbed to death with a polished agate dagger. Gruesome as it is, the murder appears to be a fairly run-of-the-mill crime until anxious officials of the East India Company make it a matter of the highest priority.



The Maruti Story

by RC Bhargava and Seetha
 RC Bhargava, who was at the helm of the company, and is currently its chairman, co-writing with senior journalist and author Seetha, shows how a public sector company put India on wheels in this book.



Mystics and Sceptics

By Namita Gokhale
 It is best, in one's sojourns across the Himalaya, to be cautious in chance encounters, for one could well encounter a saint, a siddha, a madman or a charlatan. Mystics and Sceptics comprises essays on all of these.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE



Get Lyrical

Learn the art of lyrics writing from Sameer Anjaan, an award-winning lyricist and a Guinness World Record holder for writing the most number of songs, in the live session, Unlucass.

WHERE: Online
 WHEN: January 31 onwards
 DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Theatre Treat

Amma mattu Suhail is an ode to queer love. The play reflects the values of empathy and dialogue as powerful agents to bring estranged minds together.

WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
 WHEN: January 31, 7:30pm
 DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



TRAVEL GETAWAY

Guhantara Resort presents a host of adventure activities like rappelling, zip-lining, zorbing, paintball, quad-bike riding, bicycle riding, and even cave exploration. WHERE: Guhantara, Nowkal Palya WHEN: January 31, 8:30am DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Oil Painting

This is a two-day introductory class for oil pastels painting which includes handling and basics of light, shadow and value scale.

WHERE: BrainArt, HSR Layout WHEN: January 31, 10:30am DETAILS: insider.in



Weekday Getaway

DJ Jonas Monteiro is taking over the decks to play all your favourite music.

WHERE: Aqua, The Park, MG Road
 WHEN: January 31, 9pm
 DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

TRY TENNIS

Learn tennis from the legend herself. In this course, Sania Mirza, the winner of six Grand Slam titles, demonstrates all the essential drills, warm ups, cool downs, along with her secret technique.

WHERE: Online
 WHEN: January 31 onwards
 DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



COMFORTABLE IN YOUR OWN SKIN

Activists walk down Church Street with placards speaking about the beauty of brown skin and Indian clothes | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICK FIX

PUNUGULU



Contributed by: Dassana Amit, Mumbai

INGREDIENTS

Idli/dosa batter: 1 cup
 Cumin seeds: 1 tsp
 Ginger (finely chopped): 1/2 inch
 Chopped onion: 1/4 cup
 Chopped curry leaves: 1 tsp
 Green chillies (chopped): 1 or 2
 Chopped coriander leaves: 2 to 3 tsp
 Rava (optional): 1 tbsp

METHOD

Take 1 cup of batter in a bowl.
 Add all the ingredients and mix well with a spoon.
 Heat oil for deep frying in a kadai or pan. You can use any neutral-flavoured oil. Test a small portion of the batter in medium hot oil.
 Once you get the right texture after frying, add spoons full of the batter in medium hot oil.
 When the sides become pale golden and crisp, carefully turn them over.
 Fry them till they become crisp and golden.
 Once done, then remove with a slotted spoon and drain excess oil in the kadai itself.
 Enjoy with tea.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

BALASANA VARIATION HEAD ON ARMS (CHILD POSE VARIATION HEAD ON ARMS)

It's a beginner level forward bending restorative prone pose, which lengthens the spine. This pose can be done by students who have difficulty stretching their arms and shoulders. People with cervical spondylitis can rest their head on the palms.

STEPS

- Start in Vajrasana (Thunderbolt Pose) and take a few breaths here.
- Align your buttocks on the heels.
- Keep both knees sticking to each other or at a short distance, and keep the waist straight.
- Inhale deeply, lengthen the spine.
- Exhale, align the upper body towards the front in a forward bend.
- Place the palms on one another with your hands bent at the elbows. Rest the forehead on your palms.
- Keep breathing normally. Remain here for a minute.
- Either close your eyes or gaze at the floor as per comfort.
- To release, first bring your palms near the shoulder and slowly raise your upper body by using the palms to support on the floor.
- Realign to Vajrasana and return to the previous position and breathe on the ankles.
- Perform all these alignments gently with breath awareness.

BENEFITS

- Promotes blood circulation in the whole body.
- It helps to relax the abdomen and chest.
- Keeps you energised.
- Helps to cure back pain.
- Helpful if one feels dizzy or fatigued.
- It is therapeutic for digestion.
- It helps calm the mind and body.
- This also helps to reduce stress and anxiety.
- Helps in alleviating the hip pain and maintains the health of the posterior.
- Improves the respiratory system.

LIMITATIONS

Avoid it if you have heavy knee or back pain, high or low BP, diarrhoea.

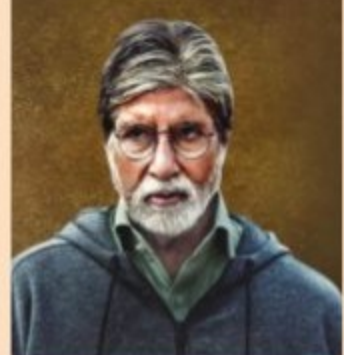
Practise this posture on empty stomach.

People with high blood pressure or acute migraine symptoms may feel the blood rush to the head, creating fatigue. They can benefit from this pose without exerting themselves.



By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

REGIONAL



JHUND (Hindi)

Vijay Borade, a retired sports teacher, starts an NGO called Slum Soccer to help rehabilitate slum kids by turning them into football players.

Cast: Amitabh Bachchan, Akash Thosar
 Watch on: ZEE5

THALLUMAALA (Malayalam)

This film follows a youngster ready to get married, but funny events happen and changes his plans.

Cast: Tovino Thomas, Kalyani Priyadarshan, Shine Tom Chacko
 Watch on: Netflix



ORCHESTRA MYSURU (Kannada)

Follows a young man from Mysore with a dream to become a singer in the local orchestras. Can he triumph over all difficulties to make his dream come true?

Cast: Pooja Chaudhary, Mysuru, Nilesh Raj, Mahadeva Prasad
 Watch on: Amazon Prime Video



SURKHI BINDI (Punjabi)

Rano, a make-up artist, dreams of marrying a charming prince from Canada, but realises it won't be an easy task for an average looking girl like her. Refusing to give up, she decides to use her talent to reach Canada and fulfil her dreams.

Cast: Sargun Mehta, Guram Bhullar, Rupinder Rup and Nisha Bano
 Watch on: ZEE5

BUTTERFLY (Telugu)

A kidnap of two children occurs and to find their whereabouts, several inter cuts of Operation Butterfly takes place.

Cast: Bhumiika Chawla, Nihal Kodhaty, Anupama Parameswaran
 Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar



AMMU (Tamil)

Ammu is a story of resilience and courage. What started off as a fairy tale marriage, changed when Ammu's cop-husband Ravi hit her. What Ammu thought was a one-off incident soon turned into a never-ending cycle of abuse, trapping her and breaking her soul and spirit. Pushed to her limits, Ammu teams up with an unlikely ally to break free.

Cast: Aishwarya Lekshmi, Naveen Chandra, Simha
 Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

FOREIGN

YOU PEOPLE (English)

This film follows a new couple and their families, who find themselves examining modern love and family dynamics amid clashing cultures, societal expectations and generational differences.

Cast: Jonah Hill, Lauren London, Eddie Murphy
 Watch on: Netflix



PHYSICAL: 100 (Korean, series)

One hundred contestants in top physical shape compete in a series of grueling challenges to claim the honour — and cash reward — as the last one standing.

Cast: Hyunseung Cha, Dustin Nippert, Haechang Song
 Watch on: Netflix



SHOTGUN WEDDING (English)

Darcy and Tom gather their families for the ultimate destination wedding but when the entire wedding party is taken hostage the bride and groom must save their loved ones — if they don't kill each other first.

Cast: Jennifer Lopez, Josh Duhamel, Lenny Kravitz
 Watch on: Lionsgate Play



THE MENU (English)

A young couple travels to an exclusive island restaurant, but they soon learn that the dinner guests are about to be served some shocking surprises.

Cast: Ralph Fiennes, Anya Taylor-Joy, Nicholas Hoult
 Watch: Disney+ Hotstar

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Archana Jois

ARCHANA JOIS PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN SRINI'S *GHOST*

The actor, popular for her role in *KGF*, will be playing a journalist in the heist-thriller, starring Shivarajkumar

A SHARADHAA

S RINI'S *Ghost*, starring Shivarajkumar, has an interesting ensemble, including Anupam Kher, popular south Indian actor Jayaram, and Prashant Narayanan playing pivotal characters. The director, who had earlier mentioned that his film will not feature a heroine, has brought Archana Jois to play an important character in the film. The actor, who is popular for her role in *KGF*, is also looking forward to her next film, *Hondisi Bareyiri*.

Archana has completed shooting her portions for *Ghost*, and talking about her role, director Srini says, "Archana plays a journalist in *Ghost*, and will be seen in the entire film. It is her character that brings a suspense and twist. I wanted an actor who could play a wide range of emotions, and we zeroed in on Archana Jois. She has completed shooting, and has excellently performed this role."

The next schedule of the film, which is left with 40 percent of shooting, will resume from February 10, and the makers plan to wrap up shooting in March.

Ghost, produced by Sandesh Production, has music by Arjun Janya and cinematography by Mahendra Simha.



Rakshit Shetty

The actor-filmmaker gives a low down about his projects, which will keep him busy for the next few years

Rakshit Shetty

puts an end to various speculations

CE FEATURES

THERE has been a lot of speculations about Rakshit Shetty's upcoming projects, and his inclusion in Lokesh Kanagaraj's *Thalapathy 67* with Vijay. However, Rakshit took to social media to put an end to it all. "My line ups are quite clear after *SSE*, i.e. *RA*, *PK 1 and 2*, *M2M*... these are the only four films which gives

me sleepless nights. No *KP2* as well... but I have different plans for *KP2*. Let's see. Anything else u read on the internet isn't true. Was never true... Love you all," he wrote.

The 777 *Charlie* hero is busy with *Saptha Sagaraadache Yello*, directed by Hemanth M Rao, which will release this year. Rakshit is working on the script of his next directorial, *Richard Anthony* made under Hombale

Films banner and follow it up with *Punyakoti*, which will be out in two parts. After this, he will be taking up *Midnight to Moksha*.

Notably, except for *SSE*, the rest of the films will have him take up dual responsibilities of actor and director.

Rakshit also clarifies that he has different plans for *Kirik Party 2*, and he will share details about the same on a later date.

The romantic drama directed by PC Shekar will hit the theatres on Feb 17

Krishna, Milana Nagaraj's *Love Birds* to release on this date

CE FEATURES

WE had earlier reported that real-life couple Krishna and Milana Nagaraj were teaming up for PC Shekar's *Love Birds*. Now, the makers have announced a release date for the project, which is billed as a romantic musical.

Backed by Kaddipudi Chandru, *Love Birds* will hit the screens on February 17. Krishna and Milana were first seen together in Preetham Gubbi's *Nam Duniya Nam Style*, and later collaborated in projects like *Charlie* and *Love Mocktail 1 and 2*. *Love Birds* will be their fourth outing together.

Love Birds deals with a modern couple leading a successful life post-marriage. The film also features Samyukta Hornad in the pivotal role of a lawyer.

With cinematography by Shakti Shekar, *Love Birds* will have lyrics by Kaviraj and music by Arjun Janya, who is collaborating with director PC Shekar for the ninth time.



A still from the film

I HAVE A FEW SIMILARITIES WITH TANUJA

...says Saptha Pavor, who shares with CE about her role in Harish MD Halli's upcoming directorial, which is based on a real incident

A SHARADHAA

SAPTHA Pavor got her big break in Rishab Shetty's *Sa.Hi.Pra. Shale*, and she had an important role to play in Shivarajkumar's *Bairagi*. Now, the child actor-turned-heroin is set to play the lead in Harish MD Halli's *Tanuja*.

The award-winning director's next is based on a real incident about a farmer's daughter, and her struggle to write the NEET exam during the pandemic. Ahead of the film's release on February 3, Saptha tells us that she too is doing her PCMB, and felt a very personal connect with the character. "This is my seventh film, and I get to play a protagonist in such a compelling real-life story, which was a different experience," says Saptha.

While she got a lot of help from the Harish, Saptha reveals that she could not meet the girl on whom the film is made, but she did speak to the girl's mother, who gave her inputs about the character. "With the inputs, I think I've done justice to the role as Tanuja."

Saptha says there are a lot of similarities between her and the character, Tanuja. "It was Tanuja's dream to become a doctor, and her tale about achieving it is an inspiring one. I also have an aim to achieve,



A still from the film

and I am putting my efforts into getting into the field of research. From what little I know about Tanuja, she was not into just studies and was also into other curricular activities. I am very similar on that aspect too. Apart from academics, I also trained in dancing, and was shooting for films. That is one of the reasons I could play the character with ease," says Saptha.

Interestingly, the film features real-life politicians like former chief minister BS Yeddyurappa, who is appearing on the silver screen for the first time. It also features Minister Dr K Sudhakar and noted journalist Vishweshwar Bhat. The film also features Rajesh Nataranga as a pivotal character. The film backed by Beyond Visions Cinema in association with Shooru Entertainments has music composed by Praddyottan.



Saptha Pavor

Julia Roberts, Jennifer Aniston to star in a body swap comedy

CE FEATURES

AMAZON Studios has acquired rights for the upcoming body swap comedy feature starring Julia Roberts and Jennifer Aniston. The banner won the rights in the auction against four other studios and streamers.

Written and directed by Max Barbakow (*Palm Springs*), the comedy is backed by LuckyChap Entertainment, the production label of Margot Robbie, Tom Ackerley and Josey McNamara. The director is also producing the feature with Roberts' Red Om Films banner and Aniston's Echo Films.

The announcement follows Roberts' recent hit, *Ticket to Paradise*. She was also recently seen in the thriller mini-series *Gaslit*. She is popularly known for her roles in '90s films like *Pretty Woman*, *My Best Friend's Wedding*, *Runaway Bride* and *Notting Hill*.

On the other hand, Aniston, who rose to fame with the *Friends* series, is also known for her performance in films like *Office Christmas Party*, *Along Came Polly*, *Bruce Almighty*, *The Bounty Hunter*, *Horrible Bosses*, and *We're the Millers*.



Kareena Kapoor to play character inspired by Mare of Easttown

CE FEATURES

KAREENA Kapoor Khan has wrapped up the shoot of Hansal Mehta's next, reportedly titled *The Buckingham Murders*.

The film marks her debut as a producer along with Ekta Kapoor. "I love *Mare of Easttown* and when Hansal came to me, I said this is something that I've really been dying to do. So

we've molded a little bit on those lines, she plays a detective cop in that," Kareena told Variety. "It's the first time that I've dabbled in that."

The actress added that the film is 80 percent shot in English and 20



percent in Hindi. It was extensively filmed in the UK. "I speak fluently in Hindi and I think also in Hindi because that's been what I've been doing all my life," she added. "When you're thinking in Hindi, but speaking in English, it was actually a difficult task to do because it was the reverse situation for the first time."

"I never really thought that I would be a producer. But when

I heard this subject, and the fact that it's very different to a regular Hindi movie... it's a very different, take to things. So I thought that will be really nice and different," she said. "And when Ekta and Hansal told me that, 'since you love the script so much, why don't you come on board as a creative producer as well, and take some calls as to what you think also and give your name to it' - after much

thought, I thought that if I love something so much, and this is a character that I wanted to play, I think it's fun to do it. It's the first time. I don't know if I'll repeatedly do it. But let's see."

The project will be co-produced by Ekta Kapoor and directed by Hansal Mehta. Ekta and Kareena Kapoor Khan previously teamed up on the comedy, *Veeri Di Wedding* in 2018.